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UPROAR OF PROTEST BURSTS AT STRIKERS' NIGHT TALKS

CHINESE EXCHANGE RATE

Canton, Aug. 25.
For the first time since the promulgation of the new Chinese foreign exchange policy, the Central Bank of China quoted various rates today.
The Bank's open market quotations for U.S. dollar was CN\$35,700 buying, CN\$36,300 selling; for pound sterling was CN\$114,000 buying, CN\$114,400 selling; and for Hong Kong dollar was CN\$8,350 buying and CN\$8,400 selling.
Various appointed banks started dealing with the open market transactions on from today.
However, the exchange rate for Hong Kong dollar on today's market was CN\$7,000 buying and CN\$7,200 selling.
—Central News.

Moscow Doubts Wedemeyer

Moscow, Aug. 25.
The Communist organ Pravda declared today that the Chinese National Government at Nanking was preparing a new offensive against the Chinese Communists and was counting on large-scale American assistance.

Discussing the situation in China under the heading, "What Are the Aims of General Wedemeyer's Mission in China?", the paper said: "It actually has become a common place that the selection of persons as special plenipotentiaries of the American President to China always fall on an outstanding representative of the Army."
Pravda declared: "The real aims of the special mission of Wedemeyer are a long distance from the job of simply gathering facts." — Associated Press.

Sikhs And Moslems In Fresh Clashes

New Delhi, Aug. 25.
Reports from the Punjab today indicate that Sikh attacks upon Moslems trapped on the Indian side of the divided province have touched off a new wave of reprisal killings by Moslems on the Pakistan side of the frontier.

Press dispatches say that Moslem bands are roaming the countryside, slaying Sikhs and Hindus and systematically looting and burning their homes to revenge the hundreds of Moslems who reportedly have met death at the hands of the Sikhs in recent days.
The new wave of violence in Pakistan coincided with an official statement by the Government of the new Dominion of India, declaring that conditions in the East (Indian) half of the Punjab had "distinctly" improved and that the Sikh reign of terror there was tapering off.

Nehru's Visit
Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, flew to the newly partitioned Punjab today for his second conference in a week on measures to stop the continuing fighting between Moslems on one hand and Hindus and Sikhs on the other.

His visit was to Julundur, the present administrative centre of the Punjab, for discussions with Sir Chandulal Tripathi, the Governor.
Typical of prevailing conditions in the province was the holding up twice yesterday of the mail train which runs from Bombay to Peshawar, across the Punjab.
The train was first stopped by a crowd of Sikhs at Patiala, about 110 kilometres south

Uproar burst at the Chinese Engineers' Institute last night when officials had completed reporting to the Strike Committee the result of the day's parley with dockyard representatives at the Labour Office.

A crowd of strikers poured in and accused the officials of bad faith by withholding from the meeting certain essential details of the proceedings.

"We have heard from someone who had been at the conference that there were much more than what you have reported," the intruders shouted.

"Why don't you tell us everything that happened?" "It is just because the Chairman of the conference (the Labour Office) has asked you to keep quiet."

"To hell with further negotiations if this is the way things are going to be conducted."

After a good deal of persuasion and heated exchanges, that officials got the intruders to calm down.

Officials explained that nothing had been withheld from the meeting and that all facts would be revealed once discussions had gone beyond the tentative stage.

They declared the men could rest assured their interests were being protected.

Eventually the intruders withdrew.

Silence Pledge
Institute officials explained to the "China Mail" that the Labour Office had requested both sides to refrain from publicly announcing details of tentative discussions until a more advanced stage had been reached, so as not to prejudice the negotiations.

This pledge they had faithfully kept, they said, and they presumed employers' representatives had done the same.

There were, however, three other men at the Labour Office conference.

These represented the three Dockyard Chinese Workers Clubs. These representatives had been specially invited by the Labour Office to be present as observers.

Whether they had observed the alleged secrecy or not, could not be said, Institute officials said.

Protest
It is understood that Institute officials will lodge a protest with the Labour Office this morning.

Earlier in the afternoon representatives of the Dockyard on Hill, numbering about 110, and

players had met Institute officials at the Labour Office for a resumption of discussions.

At the end of the conference an official spokesman said the strikers had made a new approach which the employers were considering, and that the talks would be resumed in a day or two.

It was widely rumoured, however, that the strikers' representatives had sealed down their demands and that they had suggested making the increase partly permanent and partly elastic.

This, however, could not be confirmed.

Sabotage
Last night's uproar at the Institute meeting was regarded by officials as a clear attempt by certain elements outside the Institute to sabotage the strike negotiations.

"It bores no good for the Colony and to us, now that we are all doing everything possible to bring settlement to this strike affecting over 10,000 of our men," said Institute officials.

The strike situation itself was unchanged yesterday, but further possible large scale walk-outs may affect the utilities.

The result of the ballot among mechanics and engineers of the Hong Kong & Yumati Ferry Co. had, up to a late hour last night, not been revealed.

It will not be known until today whether the men will walk-out or not.

2 Dollar Rise?
However, notices have gone out to all employees of the Hong Kong Electric Co. and the Hong Kong Tramways Ltd. to attend an urgently meeting this evening, allegedly to consider a demand of a \$2 a day increase for all labourers, and to walk-out failing immediate acceptance.

Mechanics in the employ of the Army truck depot at Caroline another 50 odd in Kowloon, are scheduled to walk out this morning.

Naval personnel taking over from strikers at the Waterworks, had their first outdoor repair job yesterday when about noon a water main in Stanley Street behind the China Emporium burst.

They were quickly in the job, and late in the afternoon the repair was completed.

Jap Navy Was "On Defensive"
Tokyo, Aug. 25.
Japan's naval plans were "wholly defensive in nature," the former Vice-Chief of the Naval General Staff, Admiral Kondo, told the International Military Tribunal today, reviewing the Japanese naval construction programme of a decade prior to the outbreak of the Pacific war.

Illustrating his point, Kondo testified that after the adoption of the Pearl Harbour air-strike plan, devised by the then commander of the combined fleet, Admiral Yamamoto, it was necessary for three of the six carriers in the force to refuel at sea, because their cruising radius was not sufficient.

He said other carriers were forced to carry extra fuel in the double bottoms of the ships and in drums stored on deck.

Kondo said most of Japan's various naval construction programmes in the 1930s were hurriedly prepared to meet the United States fleet construction programmes authorised by Congress.

He said the Japanese, depending on short-range ships for use in waters adjoining the home islands, planned to complete two 64,000-ton battleships in 1941, and just before the war's outbreak, laid keels for 2 more 62,000-ton battleships.

One of the latter was abandoned before the outbreak of the war and the other was converted to an aircraft carrier.

—Associated Press.



Despite their defeat in the first game of their tour, Sing Tao have plenty of time to retrieve themselves. At least, they have more than a little energy left. Shown above, leaping with some gusto, are: Lai Shui Wing (inside right), Fung King Cheung (captain and centre forward), Yu Yui Tak (goal-keeper) and Chau Man Chie (inside left). These strenuous leapers read from left to right—A.P. Photo.

U.S. GENERAL SAYS REDS ARE FOMENTING REBELLION BY KOREANS

Seoul, Aug. 25.
Lt.-Gen. John Hodge, commander of the U.S. forces in Korea, has charged the Russian delegation to the United States-Soviet Joint Commission with encouraging North Korean politicians guilty of seditious activities aimed at the destruction of constituted government and law and order in the American Zone.

Gen. Hodge, who is also United States representative on the Commission, said the Korean Leftist leaders in question directly interfered with the work of the Joint Commission.

His accusation was in reply to the August 22 statement by Colonel-General Shitikov, who said that the Americans in Korea were carrying out pogroms against Koreans who were working to create a united Provisional government for the country in accordance with the Moscow Foreign Ministers conference of 1945.

Gen. Hodge's complete statement was as follows:—
"I am astounded by the propaganda statement made by the chief of the Soviet delegation on August 22, accusing Southern Korean officials and the American command here of creating conditions that interfere with the work of the Joint Commission."

"I state categorically that the American Command in Korea has done everything possible to facilitate progress of the Joint Commission."

Arrests
"It is true there have been arrests by the police recently in Southern Korea."

"These arrests have been necessary to control seditious activities aimed at the destruction of constituted government and law and order in the American Zone."

"It is significant that we have ample evidence that these activities have been encouraged by Northern Korean leaders and by the Soviet delegation."

"The August 22 statement from the Soviet delegation seems to indicate it seeks to hide its own shortcomings by criticizing the local authorities, whose guests they are while in Southern Korea."

Colone-General Shitikov held a news conference to read Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov's letter, agreeing to American Secretary George Marshall's suggestion that the deadlocked joint commission report on its differences so that new steps could be planned.

He said he would work with the Americans in the presentation of a joint report.

General Shitikov said that he had not yet been informed of the United States General's reply to his statement of August 22.

However, he took exception to General Hodge's referring to his charges as a "propaganda statement" saying: "This is not propaganda but facts."

To Hodge's accusation that Northern Korean politicians were "encouraging" seditious activity in the American zone, Shitikov replied: "This is not a thing for us to judge. The Koreans carry out arguments among themselves and whose truth will be accepted by the people the future will show."

—Associated Press and United Press.

New Greek Cabinet In Making
Athens, Aug. 25.
M. Constantinos Tsaldaris, who has been asked to form a new Government by King Paul, said today that, after additional consultations with Party leaders, he hoped to present the proposed Cabinet list to the King by 1 p.m.—United Press.

The Pootung Ape-Man Moves To Soochow
Shanghai, Aug. 25.
Reports of the Pootung monster spread to Soochow Creek and families living in sampans were made panicky and confused during the night by stories of a half-human, half-animal monster that scratched the eyes of several children living in sampans.

The reports started last week in the Pootung area and spread quickly up and down the water front. The reports, coupled with rumours that an abduction gang in operation, led to six volunteer policemen, beating a woman to death in an attempt to get a confession, and beating another unconscious.

Families living in sampans on Soochow Creek, which winds through the heart of Shanghai, dividing the former International Settlement from the former Japanese Hongkew district, have been much perturbed by the monster's appearance on Saturday night. The police were unable to get a confession about dozens of children in terror. —United Press.

China Has No Comment On Wedemeyer

Nanking, Aug. 25.
An official spokesman said today the Chinese National Government had no comment on the Wedemeyer statement in which the General urged self-help and thorough house-cleaning as essentials for China's economic and military recovery.

The fact that his viewpoints were expressed earlier to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other officials softened the impact of the envoy's words, the spokesman added.

The Executive Yuan on the day of General Wedemeyer's departure issued an executive order instructing provincial authorities to eliminate "grafting, incompetent county officials to make room for conscientious capable people."

The order gave the provincial governors one month wherein to replace corrupt or incompetent officials.

Gen. Wu Te-chun (Secretary General of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee and Vice President of the Legislative Yuan), commenting on the Wedemeyer statement, said today: "It is valuable to us as it will enable us to see ourselves as others see us."

"Frank"
Other non-Kuomintang Chinese generally agreed that Gen. Wedemeyer's observations of China are "correct and frank."

"We accept the criticism in the spirit in which it was offered as constructive criticism from a well-meaning friend."

"We will try to remedy our defects as far as it lies within our power, but the Communist problem is a big one and interfering with the National Government's carrying out of programmes of reform and reconstruction."

"While our earnest hope is that the Communists will lay down their arms and cooperate to the good of the people, our experience with them gives little hopes of this."

"We do not make use of the Communist dangers as an excuse for 'sacking' but the entire Communist campaign is a great strain on our resources."

"The sooner the Communists are crushed, the sooner China will recover," they said.

The Young China Party leader, Yu Chia-chu, who is a member of the State Council, said China cannot help feeling that her efforts in eight years of war cannot be expected to achieve reconstruction without outside help.

He hoped the United States would help.

"Democracy"
Democratic League member, Lo Lung-chi, the most outspoken critic of the government, while agreeing with Wedemeyer's criticisms, said he

waited for daylight when they were able to extinguish the blaze with only an estimated 200 gallons of water.

Water damage to the cotton yarn cargo has not yet been determined but it is presumed to be slight.

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"It can be said without a doubt that precautionary measures taken by the ship saved the entire cargo of No. 1 holds."

The destroyed cargo of Navy supplies, consisting of household and possibly hospital goods, was loaded at Durban and was to be delivered in Hong Kong.

En route to Shanghai from Amsterdam, the "Buys" is a passenger ship of 14,155.25 gross tons. All Hong Kong passengers disembarked at the usual time yesterday. The ship sails for Shanghai today.

"Well Under"
The fire was so well under control when the ship reached port at 2:45 a.m. yesterday that the Fire Brigade decided to

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KPM LINER HAS CLOSE SHAVE IN HARBOR FIRE

A fire in No. 1 hold of the K.P.M. passenger liner, "Ruys," was put out at 12:45 p.m. yesterday by the Hong Kong Fire Brigade over 24 hours after it started at sea on Sunday.

Held in check by a quick-thinking Dutch captain, H. Koning, the fire, believed to have started by "spontaneous ignition," caused little or no damage to a valuable cargo of cotton yarn.

Spotting smoke at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, approximately 260 miles out of Hong Kong, Captain Koning ordered Chief Officer H. Prins to investigate.

Because of the density of the smoke, Chief Officer Prins was unable to locate the exact position of the fire, making it dangerous to attempt to extinguish the flames with water.

Capt. Koning ordered all hatches shut, flooded No. 1 hold with sulphur dioxide, and radioed the Hong Kong Harbour Office to alert the Fire Brigade.

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25th HONORS ONE OF ITS FINEST HOURS

Today, August 26th, is a signal occasion in the distinguished annals of the 25th Field Regiment, being the anniversary of "Le Cateau" Day, when the Regiment was awarded 3 V.C.s "before tea."

The 25th Field Regiment is stationed in the Gunner Barracks at Gun Club Hill, Kowloon and has the honour of being the first Field Regiment ever to have been in the Colony. The Regiment consists at present of three batteries—35 Battery, 54 (Maharajpore) Battery and 93 Battery.

During World War I, the Regiment served in France from September 1939 and was continuously in action up to Dunkirk. During this short period it received a D.S.O., three M.C.s and a D.C.M., as well as three Mentions-in-Despatches. Two M.C.s, the D.C.M. and one Mention went to 37 Field Regiment R.A. Later the Regiment saw service in the Arakan and Burma.

Today, the Regiment proudly recalls the outstanding heroism of three of its men in the battle of Le Cateau which took place on August 26, 1914. The British Army had retreated from Mons and part of it was forced to make a stand at Le Cateau in order to close the road to Paris.

In a corner This was a desperate measure. Winning the battle was quite out of the question. Three British Divisions faced seven German Divisions, backed up by an overwhelming force of artillery.

During the battle, the British Artillery, though outnumbered five to one, fought with heroic bravery to cover its infantry, and it was during this phase that 37 Battery Royal Field Artillery (now 93 Battery) on the afternoon of the battle distinguished itself.

The Battery's only two guns left in action were still firing shrapnel with parade-ground precision at the advancing Germans who were within 100 yards. There seemed no hope of extricating them.

When Captain Reynolds, with some volunteer drivers, galloped up with two teams of horses and hitched them on the guns which

had been knocked out. Incredible as it may appear, in view of the hail of bullets around the two guns, one was safely got away.

Captain Reynolds and Drivers Luke and Drain were given the V.C. for this exploit. Sgt. Browne of the same battery received the D.C.M.

"Not Too Much" "It is not too much to say," says one account "that the situation on the afternoon of the 26th was very largely saved by the splendid heroism of our Field Artillery; and for the exploits of this branch of the service alone, the battle of Le Cateau must always stand out as a bright spot in the annals of British Arms."

Today, the 25th Field Regiment will keep the anniversary of "Le Cateau" Day by holding a sports meeting in the morning, whilst the afternoon is being observed as a Regimental Holiday. In the evening, a cocktail party will be given in the Officers' Mess.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and Fuel Costs for the week ending 25.8.47 were:	
Rice and Flour 7.2 cwt. \$4,930.00	
Vegetables 1.0 " 1,349.00	
Salt Cabbage 2 " 318.00	
Oil 7.0 " 1,827.00	
Tea 2.0 " 900.00	
Salt Fish 3 " 843.00	
Pork 3 " 1,079.00	
Beef 3 " 1,400.00	
Firewood 10.0 " 7,000.00	
Bean Cud, 14 pieces " 7,000.00	
Total	\$14,543.00

Festival To Mark Liberation

The following arrangements are being made for the celebration of the second anniversary on August 30th of the arrival of units of the British Pacific Fleet in Hong Kong to terminate the Japanese Occupation of the Colony.

The Pipes and Drums of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (by courtesy of Lieutenant-Colonel J.R. Filmer-Bennett, M.C., commanding the 1st Battalion recently arrived from India), will give a short performance on the ground of the Hong Kong Cricket Club at 6.30 p.m.

It is hoped also to arrange a display of Irish dancing.

The ground has been thrown open by the Club Committee to all members of the public who wish to attend the concert. The clubhouse only will be reserved for members of the Club. No invitations are being issued in connection with this performance, but all members of the public who wish to attend are cordially invited to do so.

The Governor (Sir Alexander Grantham, K.C.M.G.), the General Officer Commanding (Major General G.W.E.J. Erskine, C.B., D.S.O.), the Commander Superintendent (Commodore C.L. Robertson), and the Air Officer Commanding (Air Commodore S.N. Webster, C.B.E., A.F.C.), will be present. It is expected that the performance will last about thirty minutes.

A pyrotechnic display is to be given by H.M. Ships in the Harbour. It will begin at 9.00 p.m. and will last about ten minutes. August 30 is a public holiday.

MAJOR SENTENCED

It is learnt that Major G.B. Falconer R.E., tried by a General Court-Martial in Hong Kong on July 14th, was sentenced to (i) Cashing and (ii) six months' hard labour. Major Falconer will undergo his term of imprisonment in the United Kingdom. The sentence was duly promulgated on August 23rd, 1947.

Obituary MRS. F. W. STAPLETON

The burial of the late Mrs. F. W. Stapleton took place at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives.

The chief mourner was the only surviving relative—the son, Mr. C.I. Stapleton.

The Rev. J.C.L. Wong officiated at the Chapel and at the graveside.

Among those present were: Mrs. A. H. Williams, Mrs. X. Sayer, Mrs. E. Abraham, Miss V. MacKenzie, V.D. Passmore, Mrs. M. Passmore, R.S. Capell, Tong Tak, D.S. Green, V. C. Labrum, Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. R. Pestonji, W. Paterson, L. Guy and others.

Floral tributes were sent by: Mrs. M. Banker, Miss Rose Spry, Mrs. J. Knox and Family, Flo and Eald, A.S. Watson & Co., Douglas Clark, Mr and Mrs. W. Paterson, Mrs. Baker and Family, Florence Landsdown, A. Tack, Mrs. N. Capell and family, Dot and Dudley, Kitty, Jack and Leo Mitchell, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. L. Wong, Mr. and Mrs. K. Eastmann, Funchy, Mr. & Mrs. Ezra Abraham, Violet, Mrs. Elizabeth Green and Dede, President Committee and members of Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Dispensary, Leung Kee, Ah Lo, Ah Dai and Ah Bing.

LOSSES UNDER THE JAPANESE

Losses suffered by reason of damage to goods, pilferage, requisition, expropriation and confiscation of goods and merchandise during the hostilities and subsequent Japanese occupation of this Colony, were the grounds set forth in a petition for confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the Union Trading Co., Ltd. from \$500,000 to \$164,000, heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Pulane Judge), at the Supreme Court yesterday. The petition was granted.

The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, C. Castro, instructed by Mr. W. C. Huang of Messrs. Deacons, appeared for the Union Trading Co., Ltd.

Seven-Day Service OVER 150,000 DOLLARS PAID IN REVERENCE

Over \$150,000 has been collected in admission and "altar" fees since the opening of the Seven-Day Memorial Service for the World Dead at Caroline Hill last Saturday, the "China Mail" learned last night.

The \$100,000 goal set by the Tung Wah Hospital Board of Directors, sponsor of the Service, should be considerably exceeded by the time the Service ends at midnight on Friday.

Tonight, there will be another fireworks display to which Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham have been invited.

Invitations have also been sent to the G.O.C. (Major-General G. Erskine); Air Commodore S.N. Webster; Commodore Robertson (Royal Naval Dockyard); the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D.M. MacDougall); Chief Justice Sir Henry and Lady Blackall; Police Commissioner and Mrs. MacIntosh; Sir Robert Ho Tung; Sir Robert Kotewall; Sir Shouson and Lady Chow; Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Kwok; Mr. and Mrs. B.C.K. Hawkins; members of the Diplomatic Corps and of the Legislative and Executive Councils, and many others.

3-Stage Economic Future For Europe

Paris, Aug. 24. The 16-nation Committee for European Economic Cooperation now nearing the end of its session in Paris has apparently virtually divided Europe's economic future into three stages. The first and the most difficult is the coming winter. Since the dollars or goods they buy cannot, barring miracles, begin to arrive as a result of the Marshall offer until next spring at the earliest, the Committee can do little to remedy the shortages which are inevitable at this period.

It may, however, through the work being done here, be possible to produce some mitigation of the hardships since self-help can get going without American aid.

The second stage is reconstruction. This is expected to last from the spring of 1948 until the end of 1951. It is upon this phase which the Committee has been concentrating.

The third stage, from 1952, will be one of real European economic integration. A blueprint of Europe's needs which will emerge in the Committee's reports to Mr. George Marshall, the United States Secretary of State, in September, will, it is generally believed, include:

1. A genuine cooperation in making the best use of existing resources.
2. Improved methods aimed at increased production, in both agricultural and industrial fields. Well-informed circles close to the Committee say that methods never thought of before have been found to develop new methods and make the best use of existing material and machinery.
3. The linking of electricity grids and development of hydro-electric power to the advantage of industry in many of the 16 countries.
4. A noticeable development of Europe's mineral oil resources.
5. Some form of international pool of railway trucks.
6. Plans will be drawn up for the progressive abolition of quantitative restriction of imports and of intra-European trade barriers.
7. Similar plans will be drawn up for the gradual stabilisation of European currencies, both internally and externally.
8. A pattern will be set for the planned development of food resources in overseas territories to the mutual benefit of all the 16 participating nations.

The only concrete agreement likely to be reached in connection with the third stage of Europe's future—that of economic integration—is to set up a study group with a life of several months, which will go much further than has been possible here into the Italian proposal for organising a customs union.

"There Was An Old Lady Of Berne..."

Zurich, Aug. 23. The little old lady who for many years past paid regular visits to Berne from the country was rather an object of ridicule among those with whom she got into contact.

Although she stayed at the by her was scrutinised by the capital's best hotel she had only a moderate room, wore terribly old-fashioned clothes and, while being very fastidious, gave only the minimum of tips to the staff.

Only one man took her seriously. Richard Wenzel, world-travelled head waiter of the hotel. No matter what she requested, he fulfilled every wish. The best draught-proof table in the restaurant was at her disposal. One good ordering

Much stress has been laid here during the past week on the advisability of such a union, including "if possible, other countries besides those participating in the Marshall Office Conference."

If a single customs union were to be set up, Europe would have taken a long stride towards economic integration. For the aim of such a union does not stop short of producing a common tariff level. It would also ultimately imply an acceptance of common economic and foreign policies. The most optimistic estimate of the time needed to organise such a union as a going concern is five years.—Reuter.

H.K. TELEPHONE CO. CREDIT

The Hong Kong Telephone Company, Ltd. announce that the balance at credit of profit and loss account for the year ended December 31, 1946 and after making provision for payment to Government of Royalties amounts to \$827,081.29.

After charging \$153,645.95 for Depreciation and transferring \$155,000.00 from Dividend Equalisation Reserve there remains the sum of \$828,535.34 which the Board recommends be appropriated as follows:—	
To payment of a Dividend of \$120 per Share on the Fully Paid-up Shares.	\$600,000.00
To payment of a Dividend of 30 cents per share on the Partly Paid-up Shares.	75,000.00
To Sinking Fund Instalment transferred to Capital Reserve.	92,577.00
To Provision for Corporation Profits Tax 1947/1948.	60,000.00
To Carry Forward to next account.	958.34
	\$828,535.34

Falling to appear to answer a charge of possession of lottery tickets, Leung Wo, 42 of Macau and Wong Sze, 47 of Third St., both had their bail of \$100 forfeited by Mr. F.X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Crerar Puts Down In Manila

Manila, Aug. 25. Canada's highest ranking soldier, four-star General H.D. Crerar, arrived here today from Tokyo by plane.

He was greeted at Nichols Field by Maj.-Gen. G.F. Moore, Commanding General of the Philippine Army Command, Rear Admiral H.H. Good, Commander of the naval forces in the Republic, Maj.-Gen. Eugene Eubank, commander of the 13th Airforce.

He was accorded full military honours.

The former commander of the First Canadian Army conferred with President Manuel Roxas late today.

He is scheduled to leave on Aug. 26 for Guam.—Associated Press.

Personalia

Peninsula Hotel arrivals over the week-end included: Daniel Gomez, A.G. Eale, R.E. Bool, Mr. and Mrs. G. Joerg, Mr. and Mrs. Lim Kee-chin, Mrs. Olive Scott, H.E. Thomas, Lee Kwok-hwa, Heng Subhalka, Plya Chak-khaph, Prabha Chak-khaph, C. M. Lee, Dr. D. Nelson, Max Springweller, L.H. Sowles, G.S. Brown, Howard Fry, Rod Malloy, W.R. O'Brien, R.E. Booth, J. Buchanan, F. Brown, June Johnson, P.M. Chinal, Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvet, V.A. Brussola, Robert Goldschmidt, H.D. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cavanagh, W.A. Jackson and Mrs. F.L. Davis.

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Miss M. Sayer, Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Wesel, Mr. and Mrs. M.T. Chiltonson, L.A. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Rogers, G.E. McNulty, Captain and Mrs. S.A.M. Sopher, Miss Lydia Green, Miss Ruth Ford, Mr. and Mrs. H. Curtis, H. Gubruiser, Miss L.A. Tomovic, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Beach, D.R. Tennent, H.H. Friis and G.R. Smith.

Central News says Mr. Wong Shiu-ling, Chairman of the Fukien Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, arrived at Taipei by ship yesterday to study the possibilities of promoting trade between Formosa and Hong Kong and of investing capital in Formosa's industry by the overseas Chinese.

The next meeting of the Sino-British Club will take place at St. John's Cathedral Hall on Wednesday, at 8.30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. C. B. Endicott whose subject will be "The Transition from 19th Century Individualism to 20th Century collectivism."

The guest speaker at the meeting of To H this evening will be Dr. Percy Little, Lecturer in Zoology at Swansea University College and the subject he has chosen is "Heredity."

Dr. Little is in the Far East engaged upon a lecture tour with H. M. Forces and among the subjects of his lectures includes "Food and Health," "The War against Disease," "The Physiology of Sex."

To H meet at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong at 8.30 p.m. and all men interested are welcome.

Will members and friends please note that commencing in September, To H meetings will be held on Friday evenings instead of Tuesdays. The time will remain as at present.

A pianoforte Recital by students of Professor Harry Ore will be given at St. Paul's College, on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 6.15 p.m.

Mr. L. K. Little, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who has been granted a two-month leave by the Finance Ministry, is leaving for the United States today for a medical checkup.

The veteran Customs official, who has been in service for almost 30 years, has been joining weights in recent months and the doctor has told him a long rest is essential.

LIST OF HURT IN BOAC CRASH: MAILS UNKNOWN

The names of victims in the Hongkong-to-Poole flying boat crash at Bahrain in the Persian Gulf early on Saturday have been made public by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Four passengers are known dead and three are missing, presumed dead. Of the crew, one is known to be dead and two are missing, presumed dead.

Passengers known dead were given as: Mrs. D. Conroy of Rawalpindi, Pakistan; Maung Tin Aye of Rangoon, Burma; C.J. Baselin of Rangoon; Master G. Gerson, of Bangkok, Siam.

One member of the crew is known dead. He is identified by BOAC as Supernumerary Radio Officer A. Mellon, of Durban, South Africa.

Passengers missing and presumed dead were listed as Dr. Hla Shwe and Maung Thein Tan of Rangoon.

One other passenger is still unidentified in this category. Crewmen missing and presumed dead were listed by the company as:—

First Officer Captain G.W. Allington of Invercargill, New Zealand; Catering Apprentice Gould, of Stoke in Teighhead, Devon, England.

The injured passengers were: Mr. Ko of Nanking; Mr. Chao Pu-chin, from Shanghai; Mr. H.J. FitzPatrick, of Warplech, Bermuda; Mr. H. Tollington, of Sturry, Kent, England; Mr. J. Kima and Mr. R.K. Samtani, of Bombay; Mr. P.A. Waller of Hong Kong.

The injured crew were: Captain R.F. Stone, of Torquay, Devon, England; Navigating Officer, T. D. Campbell of Aberdeen; Radio officer C. Berrington, of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England; Engineering Officer F.D. Everest of London; Steward D.J. Moore of Durban, South Africa.

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Cabinet's Three Headaches

Second Session Since Parliament Went On Its Summer Holidays Dominions' Response Stirs Britain

London, Aug. 25. Three main issues will call for a decision by the Cabinet when it meets today for the second time since Parliament rose for the summer holidays less than a fortnight ago. The Cabinet will first hear a detailed report on the recent dollar talks in Washington from Sir Wilfrid Eady, who will be returning later to Washington.

The issues before the Cabinet are:

1. The setting of new food ration scales for the British people in the light of the heavy restrictions which will be placed on supplies from dollar areas by the abandonment of sterling-dollar convertibility.
2. Some revision of the import programme by non-dollar countries of the Eastern Hemisphere now that Britain has regained control of the sterling which these nations earn by their export trade.
3. An assessment in conjunction with the Dominions of the extent to which they can send Britain additional supplies in substitution for dollar purchases.

The task of collecting data on these three interrelated problems is likely to extend over a considerable period, but by that time a decision about Britain's rationing should be easy. The principal question still outstanding is the insistence by the United States that Clause 9 of the loan agreement which tied Britain to non-discrimination in international trade remain operative until removed by specific act of Congress.

For the time being, a compromise prevails whereby the United States has unofficially recognised Britain's incapacity to observe this rule.

In the opinion of British financial commentators, this compromise merely ratifies the inescapable facts of the situation.

Britain is already looking to the Dominions and the European continent for still closer economic cooperation. Through Mr. Harold Wilson, the Secretary for Overseas Trade, she gave notice yesterday of this intention to other nations at the Geneva Conference on International Trade.

Preference quotas, currency allocations and state trading are all implicit therein.

Dominion Response

Public opinion in Britain has been deeply stirred by the immediate response from the Dominions when the gravity of the dollar crisis became apparent, especially their prompt action in rationing dollar purchases to ease the load on Britain's credit.

Political affiliations are now urging the claims of the Dominions to preferential benefits as the necessary price for assured delivery. These affiliations were sceptical or hostile towards the Ottawa agreements at the time they were negotiated.

Beyond the currency limitation, it is difficult to see what the Dominions can do immediately to help Britain, since most of their exportable surplus of food were already earmarked for Britain by contracts before the dollar crisis arose.

Notably in the case of Canada, this has been done at a heavy financial sacrifice by a long-term wheat contract at a price considerably below the world market price.

Mr. J. G. Gardiner, the Canadian Minister for Trade, who expects to return here from Geneva in 10 days, visited Mr. Strachey on his way there in London yesterday and said later that he was here to discuss

terms of the existing agreement, on wheat, cheese, bacon and meat.

An outline of Australia's position is believed to have been given by Mr. J. F. Dedman, the Commonwealth Minister for Defence and Postwar Reconstruction, in a conference mainly devoted to currency questions which he had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, last week.

Britain may get a promise of immediate additional supplies concerning non-staple commodities and in the more distant future an expansion of wheat and meat shipments which are her principal worry.

Main Source

For the time being, however, the main sources of essentials lie in the dollar areas and must be bought from strictly limited resources of dollar earnings.

Much depends on the measures Britain is making to expand her own industrial production which now becomes, more than ever, big domestic and international factors in the British scene.

Criticism of the Labour Government's handling of the crisis continues unabated by the recognition of external factors beyond its control and is not likely to be assuaged by Saturday night's broadcast, in which the

Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Morrison, again relied on the voluntary action of British workers.

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BRITAIN GIVES FAIR WARNING

London, Aug. 24.

Mr. Harold Wilson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, who arrived at Croydon airport tonight from the International Trade Organisation Conference at Geneva, stated that at the Conference, he thought it only fair to give warning that Britain would be unable to adhere to all the principles of the general charter of the Conference, but it was obvious to everyone that this position would arise.

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"It may appear that our methods oppose some of the principles granted in the main charter of the Conference." Britain had already had talks with the Soviet Union and was now negotiating with Yugoslavia, he said.

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Not New Problem

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DOWN WITH TYRANNY!

Boston, Aug. 24. Urging resistance to all forms of tyranny, a manifesto signed by 150 United States prominent citizens, including Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the late President, was issued on the 20th anniversary of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.

The two were anarchists executed in 1927 for alleged robbery and murder after one of the most controversial trials in the history of United States jurisprudence.—United Press.

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Less Leave For Troops

London, Aug. 24. Britain's economic crisis will probably deprive many British soldiers serving overseas of their home leave.

The War Office announced tonight that, from November 1, the number of passages for soldiers returning on leave under the LIAF (leave in addition to pythons) scheme under which British soldiers are eligible for 30 days leave in the United Kingdom once during their overseas service would be greatly reduced.

The accelerated release programme, and the withdrawal of troops from India, entailed a greatly increased demand on shipping, the War Office said.

The economic crisis made it imperative that priority in passages from overseas be given to men who, on their return, would become available for industrial employment with the least delay.—Reuter.

"Dismal Colours"

London, Aug. 25. A Moscow radio broadcast on Sunday said that the radio speech on Saturday by the Lord President of the Commons, Mr. Herbert Morrison, "pointed the outlook for British people in dismal colours."

The radio also cited two British weekly periodicals, the "Spectator" and the "Economist," as being gloomy over Britain's prospects. The "Spectator," said Moscow radio, "voiced grave doubts in regard to the Marshall plan" and sees "little hope of this plan serving Britain."

The "Economist," said the radio, "qualifies American actions and demands as perfectly intolerable."—Associated Press.

MISS TRUMAN'S RECITAL

Hollywood, Aug. 24. The President's daughter, Miss Margaret Truman, today sang at one of the United States biggest auditoriums, the outdoor Hollywood Bowl, taking repeated curtain calls before an applauding crowd of 18,000 after singing a selection from "Marriage of Figaro," "Cielito Lindo" and "La Favourite."

She was accompanied by the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Ormandy.—United Press.

International Food Conference

Geneva, Aug. 24.

Some 50 countries and a number of international organisations are taking part in the third annual conference of the United Nations Food Agricultural Organisation convening on Monday morning in Geneva.

The main objective on the agenda is a proposal for setting up a World Food Council composed of Government representatives to form a body of considerable authorities. Its task would be to advise Governments and to assist them in implementing emergency and long-term measures for increased agriculture production and improvement of distribution.

It envisaged that the Council take over the international allocation of foods and fertilisers from the International Emergency Food Council and accelerate the supply of materials needed to expand next year's harvest in food deficit countries.

New U.K. Plan

FAO has prepared more than 30 memoranda analysing the world regular feature of FAO annual conferences to serve as a world forum of food and agriculture in order to help eliminate avoidable conflicts in national problems and policies.

The FAO information director, G. Hambro, at a press conference on Saturday mentioned that a new United Kingdom programme for agricultural self-sufficiency might largely influence the United States and other overseas countries where their export commodities are concerned.

The conference is expected to last till September 1.—United Press.

Tanker Aground, Another In Tow

Shipping accidents as far apart as the English Channel and Scapa Flow occurred in British waters over the week-end.

News agency messages reported, amongst others, a tanker which momentarily went aground in the Pentland Firth another being towed into Southampton and a motor launch missing off the Isle of Wight with two men, two women and a child on board.

Aberdeen despatches said the Norwegian tanker "Sundine," reported to have been beached in a thick fog at Green Head in Pentland Firth, was safe tonight in Lyness, Scapa Flow.

The salvage vessel "Bustler," which sped from Aberdeen half-way to the Orkneys to go to her aid, was told by radio telephone that the "Sundine" was refloated this afternoon without assistance and sailed under her own power to Lyness, accompanied by the Long hope life-boat.

Radio messages from the tanker had said that she was hard and fast on the rocks and asked for lighters and other assistance. The Stromness and Longhope life-boats stood by.

Weather conditions were good but visibility poor owing to a dense fog.

When it was seen that there was no actual danger, the Stromness life-boat returned to her station. A coast-guard said that the tanker had to pump out a considerable amount of her cargo of fuel oil to enable her to refloat.

M/L Missing

Shipping in the Channel has been asked to keep a lookout for an 18-foot motor launch missing since Saturday night from Sea View, Isle of Wight, with two men, two women and a child on board.

With Peter Smith, of Priority Cottage, Nettlestone, in charge, the boat left Sea View about 7.30 a.m. on a cruise out to the Nab Tower. Men on the tower spotted the boat about an hour later, since when it has not been seen.

Bembridge lifeboat was launched early on Sunday to help in the search but returned several hours later, having seen no trace of the craft.

In Tow

The 9,811-ton British tanker "Southern Opal" was being towed.

BURNING FAG END CAUSE

Berlin, Aug. 24. A burning cigarette end which set fire to a leaking can of inflammable liquid was believed to have caused the deaths of 24 Germans and injuries to another 35 when a train carriage burst into flames on its way through Veltin in the Soviet zone of Berlin, according to the German news agency tonight.

The Berlin railway authorities are continuing their investigation of the disaster.—Reuter.

Hamburg, Aug. 24. Three new forest and health fires were raging in the Wahner-Heide, district near Cologne, the German news agency in the British Zone said today.—Reuter.

Britons Arrive In Auckland

Auckland, Aug. 25. Nearly all the 800 passengers who arrived in Auckland on board the "Rangitiki" from London on Saturday were people from Britain intending to settle in New Zealand.

The ship brought the first draft of 118 Government-assisted immigrants, all single men and women under 35. Forty-six girls on board were arriving to take up mental hospital work and the majority of the others to do general hospital work.

"Britain wants you but we want you too," said the Mayor of Auckland, J. A. C. Allum, welcoming the draft. "You come to a country where everyone will be friendly to you."

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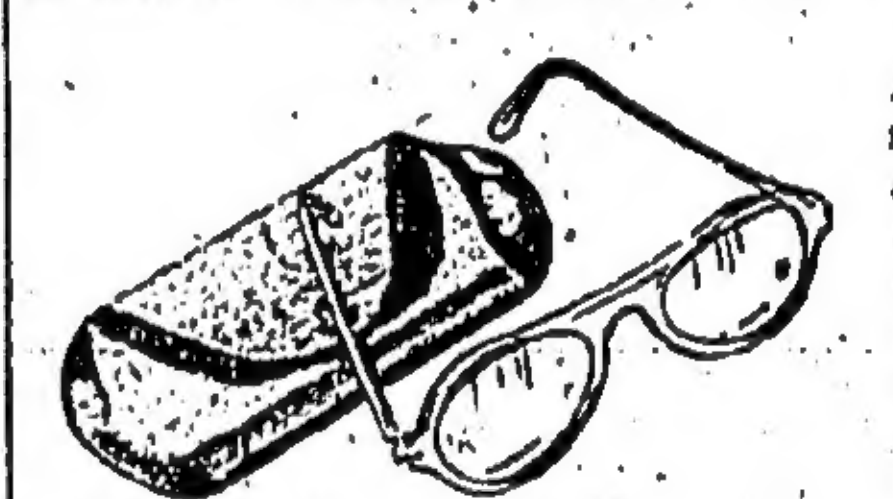
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NOTICE is hereby given that
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ing of the Hongkong Realty and
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ing (Second Floor), Victoria in
the Colony of Hong Kong, on
Wednesday, the 24th September,
1947, at 12 Noon, for the pur-
pose of considering and if
thought fit passing as a Special
Resolution the following Re-
solution that is to say:—

That the Company be wound
up voluntarily and that David
Lamb Prophet of Messrs. Peat,
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change Building, Victoria, in the
Colony of Hong Kong, be
appointed Liquidator for the
purpose of such winding-up.

Dated this 25th day of
August, 1947.

By order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

NOTICE OF SALE AND PURCHASE

of
The Remaining Portion
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NOTICE is hereby given that
the registered owner of the
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of No. 29a Wyndham Street
Victoria Hong Kong for the sale
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erty. Completion of the said
purchase shall take place on the
31st August 1947.

All persons having adverse
claims against the above prop-
erty are requested to notify the
undersigned in writing of their
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Dated 23rd August, 1947.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Eighteenth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of HONG KONG
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will be held on
Thursday, the 25th day of
September, 1947, at noon, in the
Board Room of the Company,
FOURTH FLOOR, EXCHANGE
BUILDING, HONG KONG, for the
purpose of receiving a
Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the Board of Directors,
for the financial year ended 31st
December, 1946, and re-electing
two Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from the
12th September to the 25th
September, 1947, both days in-
clusive.

Dated this 25th day of August,
1947.

By Order of the Board,
S. GROVE,
Secretary.

14, Des Voeux Road, Central,
Hong Kong.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that
the Board of Directors have
made a second and third call of
\$2.50 per share each on the
holders of the Partly Paid-up
shares in this Company. Both
calls will be payable to the
Company's Bankers, The Hong
Kong & Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration, Hong Kong, the second
call on or before 18th October
1947 and the third on or before
18th December, 1947.

By Order of the Board,
S. GROVE,
Secretary.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES HOLDING

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JEWS READY FOR "DECISIVE BATTLE AT HAMBURG"

On board the "Runnymede Park" at sea.

Aug. 24, off Alicante.

A leader of the 1,500 Jewish emigrants being transported to Germany on board this ship warned a mass meeting last night to prepare for "the decisive battle at Hamburg."

"You have only a few days, peace left," he told them at the end of their second day out from the French Mediterranean Port de Bouc, where they had refused to land despite an ultimatum from British authorities that they would be disembarked in Germany if they stayed aboard.

"Cowards and traitors are free to land at Hamburg, but we who are not afraid will stay aboard and resist to the end," he declared amid an applause that seemed slightly less enthusiastic than at earlier meetings.

The refugees were today enjoying their last rations of the voyage. Cool calm weather made the crowded holds somewhat more comfortable than when they sailed on Friday.

They have been aboard ship since July 11, when they set sail from Cete in southern France, in the "President Warfield," which Haganah, the Jewish Resistance Movement, renamed "Exodus 1947." Intercepted off the coast of Palestine, the 4,500 Jews were transferred to the "Runnymede Park," "Ocean Vignour" and "Empire Rival" at Haifa, and the three British ships returned them to France.

All three ships were today off the Spanish coast, with another ten days at sea ahead before their expected arrival in Hamburg.—Reuter.

Demonstration

Manchester, Aug. 24.

Tomorrow 45,000 Jews in the north of England are to fast throughout the day as a protest against the British Government's decision to send 4,500 Jewish refugees from Port de Bouc to Germany. Services are to be held in all synagogues.

Today, at a meeting of the Manchester and Salford Jewish Council, the council decided to send the following resolution to the Government:

"This council has learnt with deep consternation of the decision of His Majesty's Government to transport 4,500 Jews in three British ships of Port de

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OF THE DIRECTOR OF
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3. Further details, conditions of contract and Tender Forms may be had on application to the British Stores Disposal Board (Hong Kong), Old Ordnance Depot, Queen's Road (Entrance 50 yards west of Queen's Road Entrance to Victoria Barracks).

4. Closing date for Tenders:—12 noon, Thursday, 28th August, 1947.

5. Tenders must be deposited with the Board in sealed packets and marked "Tender for Firewood" and addressed to the Chairman.

6. The Chairman of the British Stores Disposal Board (Hong Kong), does not bind himself to accept the highest or any Tender.

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PEACE AT LAST!

Paris, Aug. 24.
Monaco, the tiny Mediter-
ranean principality with a
population of 19,242, will officially end hostilities against the Axis on September 1 under a decree issued today by the Prince of Monaco.—Reuter.

Appeal To S'pore Strikers

Singapore, Aug. 24.
An appeal to the 9,000 striking Singapore dock workers to remember Britain's financial crisis and the effect of their action on the Malay trade, much of which comprises rubber for the American market, was made today by Mr. P. A. T. Chimes, Acting Chairman of the Singapore Harbour Board.

The strike began on Thursday after the alleged shooting of an Indian worker by a police sentry in a dock gate incident. The strikers are demanding punishment of the policeman, compensation of the Indian dependants and guarantee of no more shooting.

Twelve ships have left the docks since the strike began, mostly through the work of European employees. Eight ships are held up.—Reuter.

Trieste, Aug. 24.

The British Central Mediterranean Force General Headquarters will move in mid-September from Venice to a point about 100 kilometres to the northeast to make more economical use of manpower and to release as much requisitioned accommodation as soon as possible. General Headquarters announced here today.—Reuter.

ARAB PLAN TO MEET JEW IMMIGRATION

Jerusalem, Aug. 24.
Palestine's Arab N. 2 — No. 1 being Mufti Haj Amin Hussein now in Cairo—Jamal Hussein today revealed in an interview that 20,000 Arabs from neighbouring Arab countries will come to Palestine to counterbalance Jewish illegal immigration "if the Jewish illegal immigration continues after the United Nations General Assembly session."

Seated on a worn chair in his house near the historical Damascus gate, Jamal, who is the deputy chairman of the Arab Higher Committee, said:

"We have work out to the last detail the plan by which our brethren in neighbouring Arab states will come here to live with us in cities, villages and the desert. At least 20,000 will be brought in the first year. For every one illegal Jewish immigrant there will be ten illegal Arabs coming here."

The tall, turbaned, mustachioed Jamal, sitting in his old-fashioned modestly furnished drawing room, spoke perfect English, smiling now and then when ever he emphasized a point.

Asked what he expects on the United Nations inquiry on Palestine, Jamal said:

"If they act in accordance with the charter, the Arab expect very much. We expect everything. But if they leave the charter behind, the Palestine case will drift and drag and may finally do all parties concerned no good."

Asked if he could visualise the case, Jamal said: "I cannot say what eventually may be put the case is brought to the Security Council. It will be the Arab states who will move towards it. We shall oppose any decision contrary to our demands."

Not Worried

Jamal, who made a record in cricket in Jerusalem's Saint George's school at the age of 20—some 35 years ago—did not seem to be worried over the British expulsion of Mahmoud Labib, leader of Palestine's Arab youth.

"We shall try to obtain a permanent residence for him. If that is refused we shall look for another leader locally. We may be forced to bring one from outside illegally. We shall send our youth for military training to Iraq, Egypt, Europe and even England. Our youth organization is prepared to operate in daylight but if we are prevented we may have to go underground," Jamal said.

He did not seem to be impressed or worried about King Abdul-lah's Greater Syria scheme. "We simply are not interested in his plan. This is a matter for the Arab League. It is the people who are the final arbiters on such issues."

"There will be no fight against the Jews. There will be a virtual

Ford Hikes Prices

Detroit, Aug. 25.
Henry Ford 11 announced on Sunday that prices on "most models of Ford Motor Co., passenger cars and all truck models" are being raised from \$20 to \$27, effective immediately.

"This is an average increase of 4.2 per cent," the announcement said. "This action has been dictated by the simple necessity of keeping Ford Motor Company on a sound economic basis."

This action follows price rises recently announced by other members of the automotive "Big Three"—Chrysler and General Motors—and several smaller manufacturers, including Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer, Nash and Packard.—Associated Press.

"Vicious Slander"

Moscow, Aug. 24.

An article in today's "Red Star," the Soviet Army newspaper, accused Britain and the United States of cultivating among the Germans "aggressive tendencies and the belief that they could secure a better future by struggling against the Soviet Union."

"Seeds of falsehood and vicious slander aimed at the USSR are being planted in the Western occupation zones of Germany in favourable and carefully cultivated soil," the paper wrote.

Former German officers and soldiers who had been British and American prisoners-of-war were among the most active in spreading the rumours of a Germany to be rebuilt by the Western Allies on the old militaristic lines, it said.

"During their captivity, these Hitlerites have kept their criminal ideology," Red Star commented, adding: "The maintenance of Hitlerites in leading administrative posts, in industry and agriculture, the existence of German military formations under the modest label of 'service units' convenience at the propaganda of modernised Hitlerite ideology—all this cannot but create an atmosphere of uncertainty and anxiety in Germany's Western regions."—Reuter.

London, Aug. 24.

Prague Radio reported tonight that Czechoslovakia has concluded an agreement with British occupation authorities in Germany for the use of the river Elbe to carry Czechoslovak goods in transit to North Sea ports.—Reuter.



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Unarmed Constable Beat Gun

The story of how Police Constable 767 Man Ping-tai tackled an armed robber while he himself was unarmed was told to Mr. W. H. Latimer by Detective Sub-Inspector J. M. Forrest at Kowloon yesterday.

At 10.15 a.m. on July 28, said DSI Forrest, a man entered the Shing On Kee Washshop, 149 Shanghai Street, and asked to be shown a watch.

Expressing satisfaction the man asked for an expanding bracelet to be attached to it. The price agreed upon was \$50. Having been robbed of a few thousand dollars' worth of watches a year ago, the master, Young Shing, was suspicious, especially when he noticed another man standing outside the shop.

Drew Gun

After strapping the watch on his wrist, continued DSI Forrest, the "purchaser" opened the front of his jacket, revealing a revolver tucked under his girdle.

He cowed the inmates of the store into silence and, then, with a "I beg your pardon, brother!" ran out of the shop, to be immediately followed by the man waiting outside.

Two foks Ng To, (24) and Sin Shing-woo, (14) chased the armed man through Ningpo Street onto Battery Street, across Jordan Road to the George V playground, and up to Shanghai Street to the Koon Ching Market, where he was arrested by Police Constable Man Ping-tai.

The Police officer, said DSI Forrest, was off duty at the time and, consequently, unarmed.

When he learned what had happened, he immediately gave chase.

Outside the Koon Chung Market, Li Chi-fat (alias So Tih-hing) 20, dropped the revolver he was holding. Constable Man picked it up and took the defendant to the Police Station.

On the way to the Station, continued DSI Forrest, they passed 149 Shanghai Street.

Accusation

The master came out of the shop and, pointing to the accused, said, "That is the man who robbed my shop!"

SAILOR GAOLED FOR FATAL JEEP ACCIDENT

"This is a very serious offence and one which I must punish with some severity," said Mr. Justice Gould (Additional Judge), at the Criminal Sessions yesterday to Able Seaman Robert Iver Lawless, of H.M.S. "Gambia."

Lawless was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Mr. Justice Gould said he was taking into consideration accused's good record throughout the war, but that it was not to the credit of Lawless that he should see fit, in his defence, to try to put the blame on a fellow rating.

Conviction and sentence on a charge of manslaughter for a traffic accident in the first on record since the re-occupation.

Lawless was charged with causing the death of a Chinese woman, at 4.30 p.m. on June 30, 1947, in Hennessy Road as the result of a traffic accident.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by S/I William Eggleston, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown. Accused was not legally represented.

Drove Jeep

For the prosecution, Mr. Lonsdale said that a fatal accident occurred in Hennessy Road, near the junction of Fleming Road, at about 4.30 p.m. on June 30, resulting in the death of a Chinese woman, Chu Tai, aged 34 years.

The accused was driving the Naval Jeep.

He was unlicensed and was driving the Jeep without the permission of the owner.

After the accident, Lawless not only failed to stop, but continued driving in a very dangerous manner towards Causeway Bay.

On reaching the vicinity of the tram terminus, he drove the Jeep into Ewo Street, and collided with a stationary Austin car.

When he learned what had happened, he immediately gave chase.

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On the way to the Station, continued DSI Forrest, they passed 149 Shanghai Street.

The master came out of the shop and, pointing to the accused, said, "That is the man who robbed my shop!"

His answer to the charge of armed robbery, the defendant was alleged to have stated, "Yes."

His reply to the possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition charge was: "The revolver and ammunition were given to me by my friend Leung Fook. This Leung Fook took part in going there yesterday."

After corroborative evidence, defendant was committed for trial at the next Sessions.

Solicitor's Plea Of No Offence

"My clients, at the original hearing, pleaded guilty to charges which, as laid, disclosed no offences," said Mr. A. S. C. Comber to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Comber made this remark during his application for the re-hearing of the case in which Tao Kai-nam and Li Chi, ginger dealers, were fined \$1,050 and \$1,000, respectively, for the illegal movement of ginger and selling ginger wholesale on August 11.

His clients, said Mr. Comber, had pleaded guilty, under a misapprehension, to the various charges preferred against them.

The two defendants were employees of the ginger factories concerned and brought the ginger over from Hong Kong for delivery and not for sale.

Opposing the application, Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth said that both defendants had pleaded guilty to one charge and on'y admitted the other charges after evidence had been called.

Further submissions will be heard on Aug. 29.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.65 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Hay Noble and His Orchestra.
12.47 p.m.—Eddie Carille and Len Herman.
Memories.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Thalowsky: "Humor and Juliet" Overture, Boston Symphony Orchestra.

1.45 p.m.—"From the Shows"—Light Opera.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—Variety "Request" Favorites.
7.00 p.m.—H.B.C. Transcription Service: "Harris Bandstand".

7.15 p.m.—Studio: Jazz Piano by Kathleen Beth (Favorite Programme).
7.30 p.m.—Andre Kowalewski and His Orchestra.
7.45 p.m.—Vocal Duets.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News from Britain.

8.15 p.m.—Studio: Armande Bunte and His Hawaiian South Sea Islanders.
8.30 p.m.—H.B.C. Transcription Service: "This Correspondence must have been" Thackeray v. Dickens.
8.50 p.m.—Moore's Blue Night music, London Philharmonic Orch. Produced by Clifford Davies. A Hong Kong Stage Club Production.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
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THE VETO

During the several weeks since the Security Council started its discussions on the Greek frontier situation Russia has made abundantly plain her firm resolve to employ the veto as an instrument for reducing the Council and the United Nations Charter itself to a mockery. There is overwhelming testimony that Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania are systematically permitting their territory to be used as a base for guerrilla incursions into Greece and that at least one of them is furnishing facilities for the training and equipment of these bands. This constitutes a continuing aggression pursued by deliberate policy. If the Security Council is to perform its most elementary function this is as clear a case for intervention as is ever likely to come before it. Yet M. Gromyko followed up his veto on the appointment of a frontier commission by also vetoing the further resolutions calling upon the three countries to desist from provocation and from aiding and abetting the guerrillas. Manifestly the aim of Russia is to shield her satellites from any interference by the Council with their nefarious activities, in which they would not be engaging without her own connivance.

M. Gromyko's argument that a frontier commission would involve infringement of the sovereignty of the three States is a cynical piece of sophistry. Aggression is always an exercise of sovereignty, and the same argument would therefore hold against any action which the Council might initiate against aggressors. The cynicism is enhanced by Russia's own flagrant infringement of the sovereignty and freedom of several of her neighbours—for example, Hungary—and by her pretence that Greece is alone to blame for the disturbances within and across her borders. The disturbances are fomented and perpetuated by the assistance which the three countries are rendering to the guerrilla bands; and if some of the repressive measures taken by the Greek Government in self-defence are deemed harsh, these are the natural consequence of the disorders from which the aggressor neighbours hope to benefit. To put it bluntly, Russia is conducting through the medium of her three satellites a policy designed to force Greece into her own power-orbit, and she is conducting it by means of which the Nazis were arch-exponents. In the search for a method of circumventing the veto the United States is now proposing to take action under Article 51 of the Charter, which affirms "the inherent right of individual or collective self-defence" against armed attack and would be a matter for the Assembly. That would amount to an acknowledgment that the machinery of the Charter had broken down, as indeed it has. The abuse of the veto is not merely reducing the Security Council to inaction; it is turning it into a positive menace, since the Council is being used as an obstacle to prompt action against threats to the peace. Russia is playing a dangerous game, but if peace and order cannot be upheld without her they must be upheld without her.

DE GAULLE SETS UP HIS "UNION"

Paris, Aug. 25. General de Gaulle today formally launched his "Union" of the French People with the announcement that he will present lists of candidates for the October municipal elections.

He instated the Union, whose chief opponent is French Communism, was not a political party but crossed the party lines.

ROUND THE PACIFIC

Australia And Britain's Economic Plight

By Arthur Morley

The British economic crisis overshadowed all other news in Australia this week.

It had been expected, of course. The Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley, has been in frequent conversation for some weeks with the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Dalton, and has received long reports from London from his Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. S. G. McFarlane.

When the London Stock Exchange sagged this week, however, Mr. Chifley called an "emergency conference" of the Dominion's top economic experts to devise ways of giving Britain immediate assistance.

Mr. Chifley remained silent after the conference broke up, but Canberra sources allowed it to become known that a three-point plan of assistance was being formulated. This would include:

(1) Freezing of Australia's sterling balance in London of £178 Million Stg. until such times as Britain regained her financial strength.

(2) Accepting a severe cut in imports from Britain, including machinery and machine tools. Australia badly needs for her own expanding industry.

(3) Supply Britain with vital raw materials in increasing quantities, to be financed out of credits that Australia would make available.

No Doubt

There was no doubt in the mind of anybody in Australia that Britain had the complete sympathy of undemonstrative, pipe-smoking Labour leader Chifley. It was equally clear that Chifley believed that Britain would rise again to the rank of a leading world financial power. Had he not thought so, he would be diverting Australian exports to new markets in the Pacific and Far East; trying to create goodwill among consumers who would replace the housewives of Britain.

Australians, united on the question of helping Britain, were also fairly unanimous in criticising what they considered the inactivity of Britain's Government. The Sydney Daily Mirror, normally sympathetic to Labour, had some stinging things to say.

In a special editorial headed "Atlee Government Has Let England Down," the Mirror declared "the Government must accept responsibility for a ghastly failure. Its social theories have not stood the test

of realism. The Government appears to be comprised of a team of muddlers and theorists and because they are theorists they are dangerous.

"It is no use the Atlee Government or any champion of the Atlee Government shouting excuses. The stark reality makes excuses sound very hollow."

Australian Politeness

This is much more intemperate language than the Mirror has ever permitted itself in any criticism of its own Government; but the sentiment is echoed with varying degrees of politeness throughout the Australian Press.

Good business: Simultaneously with news of the British crisis, the Australian Government released its own foreign trade figures for the year ended June 30. It made a happy story.

The Dominion's favourable trade balance was £77 millions—easily an all-time record. Exports were up to record level of £307 million (previous highest £200 million, 1924/25), and included a high percentage of manufactured goods.

Britain was again Australia's best customer, taking goods to the value of £87 million.

And getting better! Twenty-seven British and American companies have recently indicated to the Australian Government their intention of setting up new factories out here. Capital of £6,000,000 will be involved.

This expansion, superimposed on that of purely Australian companies, is expected to increase the nation's income greatly within five years.

Furthermore, talks now in progress in London regarding increasing Australia's food-stuffs exports to Britain, have raised the possibility of the British Government investing £25,000,000 in beef and vegetable production in Queensland. This would be one of the greatest single developmental projects in Australian industrial history.

New Spirit

The Ex-Cannibals: Over in the so-called Cannibal Isles—New Hebrides—this week, a Pacific natives there had been new spirit was stirring. The infected with the strike virus.

The copra industry came to a standstill as all but a few hundred of the islands' total 5,000 workers went on strike for a 1200 per cent increase in wages and an "attractive European diet" including tinned meat and imported biscuits.

Millions of coconuts were rotting on the ground and the plantations are rank with bush.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail.")

If we ask that a nominated number of officials and non-officials, we are not unreasonable; more than this we do not expect; but a respectable body of faithful British subjects are entitled to this concession, and we are satisfied that had it been granted years ago (and the drafts of the ordinance published after a first reading, as is done by our present Government) Hongkong would have been spared much wretched and mischievous legislation.

"Sir—A few of your neighbours had their lamps smashed last Tuesday morning about 2 a.m. by half a dozen overgrown children averaging from 35 to 45 years of age (without having the care of God before their eyes) and disregarding the good and wholesome laws made and provided by the government of this Island for the protection of her Majesty's government and subjects. And without fear or forethought, in the height of their cups, they smashed eight lamps with clubs.

"The case was tried before the Chief Magistrate with the assistance of the Superintendent of Police and every point was investigated by the proper authorities; the case broke down and was dismissed through a want of a little evidence. The European and Indian constables are ordered to club together and make up the sum to pay eight broken lamps.

"As all the six Gentlemen were well dressed in a 'Pall Mall' fashion, and a small sprinkling of them in the service of our Lady the Queen, I think it but fair and just for them to club together and hand over the amount of damage (£7.50) to C. May Esq. and not allow the poor Constables to be above-cut their heads served for their 'mischief' folly. A SCOTCHMAN"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

MAKE HIM PUT YOU IN

Best known among the throw-in plays are those which compel an opponent to lead to a tenace honour or honours or to give you a chance to ruff in one hand while discarding a loser from the opposite holding. Far less frequent, also less known, is the play whereby an opponent is compelled to lead to winners in one of your holdings, winners for which you have re-entry except through a detour via the opponent's hand.

SKQJ9702
H52
D03
C08

S1084
HAQJ6
DJ942
CQJ

SA3
H743
D1086
CQ7542

SA
H41098
DAKQ7
CAK03

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

South West North East
1H Pass 1S Pass
2D Pass 2S Pass
3C Pass 3S Pass

There would have been no problem whatever to make 4 Spades on this deal, if North had seen fit to bid that over the No Trump game call. But he felt that his three consecutive bids of the suit over South's three suits were sufficient warning. Perhaps both partners could be censured for not putting the side into the suit, at which one trick could be lost in trumps and two in hearts, but no more.

West led the heart Q to the K, giving South one trickless gratuitous trick, but still he could see no way to get also tricks

while employers try to find some basis of settlement.

Ex-Divinity: The Emperor Hirohito, ex-divinely, had another cause this week to regret the Pacific War into which he (nominally) led his people.

In Tokyo, American statisticians calculated that the Emperor was now getting only 8,000,000 yen per year to support his eight palaces and 1,600 servants (pre-war total 5,000). With the yen pegged at 50 to the U.S. dollar, this represents poverty compared with Hirohito's pre-war personal fortune of 6,000,000,000 yen, when the yen was worth many times its present value.

Alive!!

Still Alive: In Tokyo, also, a group of scientists met this week to check the prediction of a former member of their profession that his body would remain alive after burial.

Saburo Utsunomiya, who pioneered the heat-resisting brick and was responsible for other valuable research, designed himself a special steel coffin containing mysterious chemicals. The coffin was sealed after his death.

Scientists this week decided to go ahead with the exhumation.

AN UNUSUAL VILLAGE

By PATRICK NICHOLSON

Deep River is the most unusual village in Canada.

Its birthrate is higher than Egypt's, the most prolific country in the world. Yet no mother-in-law lives here nor does any domestic servant. No one has ever been unemployed here, and is not likely to be—at least in our lifetime. As many as one third of the inhabitants hold one or more high university degrees, and they all work at a plant which is unique in Canada. Their task is to unfold the mysteries of the products of nuclear fission. In plain language, they are atom-splitters.

Seven miles away at Chalk River is the hush-hush atomic research plant operated by the Canadian Government. It was to house the scientists working there, and their families, that this village was specially built by the Government.

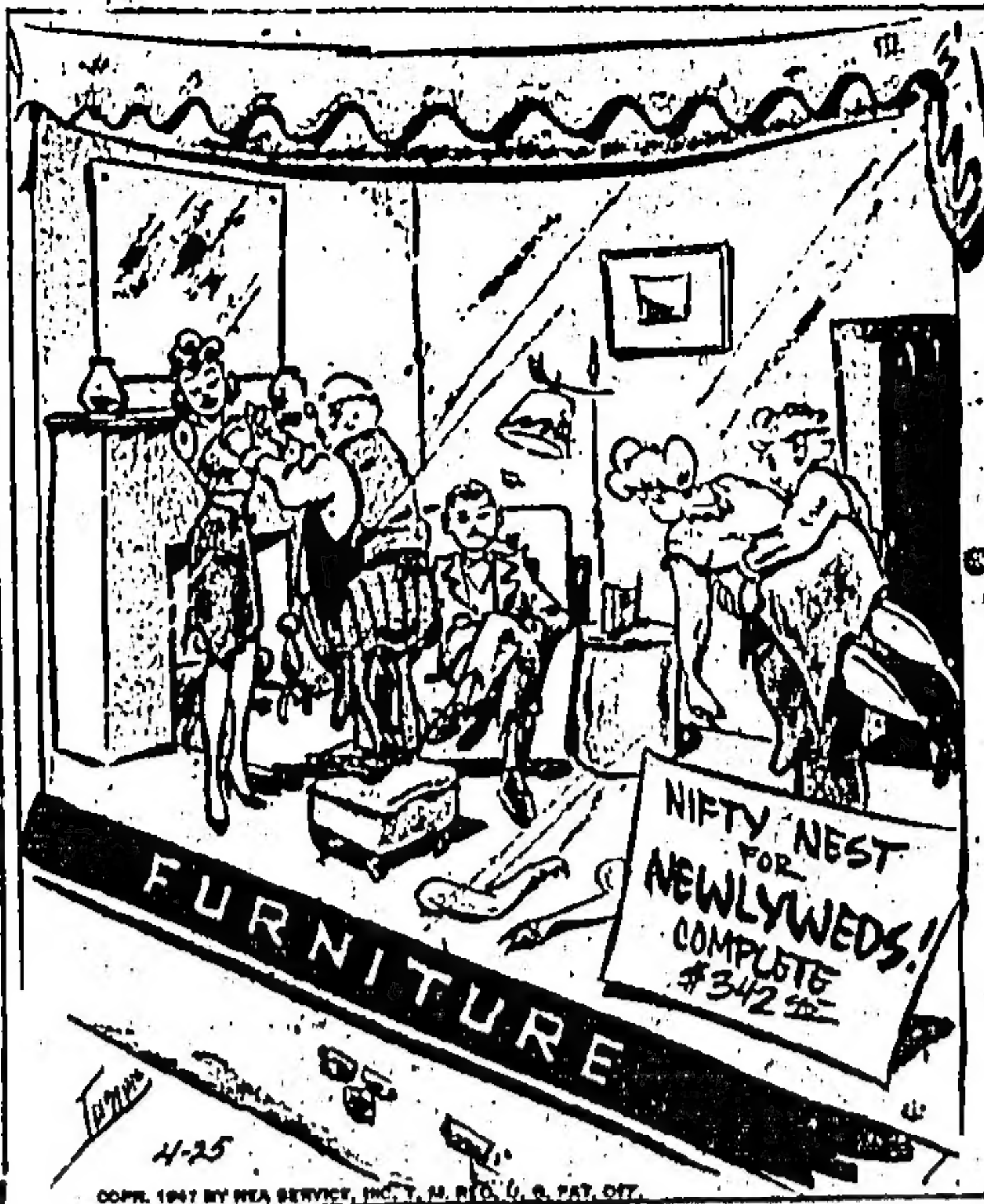
Two years ago the site was virgin forest. It was chosen for its fine position, on a slope overlooking the wide Ottawa River and facing Martin Mountain. Today, pretty modern homes, flower gardens, sports grounds and a sandy beach make it rather like a holiday resort.

Model Village

It was laid out as a model self-contained village by a well-

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Okay, Joe! Where do I put the mother-in-law?"

tion; but they were very dubious that their former colleague's prediction would be accurate.

Saburo died in 1902.

Richer Cricketers: Australia's star cricketers have complained in the past that they have lost money by taking time to re-

present Australia in tours abroad.

The Australian Cricket Board of Control have considered their complaints and I now understand that members of next year's team to tour England will get bonuses of £800.

Previous highest bonus has been £600.

justify special classes, so they go by bus to the High School at the nearest town, Pembroke, 30 miles away.

Sandy Beach

"Deep River is an ideal place to live. It is very well run and wonderful for children," Dr. David Kyles, the Director, said to me. And he pointed to the broad white sandy beach where children were playing.

"The youngsters can go along to play there or to swim in the shallow waters of the bay with complete safety. Their parents do not have to worry about them because there is always a life guard on duty."

In mid river, grown-ups were sailing and canoeing and swimming. In the winter, children and their elders cross the frozen river to ski on the slopes of Martin Mountain.

The climate is sunny and dry the year round, and even in the middle of winter when snow is deep on the ground and the temperature below zero, Deep River amuses itself by staging a Snow Carnival and electing a Snow Queen.

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The Resonance Of Life In Chinese Art

Linked with the seven-day Buddhist memorial service at Caroline Hill in commemoration of those who died in the last war, there is now on display a collection of Chinese paintings by a contemporary artist which by a real connoisseur of art can afford to miss.

They are the work of Mr. Pu Ju, the second grandson of Prince Kung, who was so well known towards the end of the Manchu Dynasty, and therefore a cousin of Emperor Pu Yi. Pu Ju, widely known to the Chinese by his alias Hain Yu, and also by his other appellation of Hsi Shan I shi or his study's name of "Hall of the Cold Jade" is now 52. But it was not until the age of 20 that he started to try his brush on the pictorial art.

Strictly speaking, Pu Ju did not learn his painting from any particular teacher. That he has nevertheless achieved such success and fame may be attributed to two factors: First, he has not only in his own possession a large collection of pictures which he inherited from his forefathers, but he has also ready and direct access to the immense treasures in the Imperial court, a thing denied to most others less favourably placed.

Secondly, he travelled far and wide in his younger days, not only in China itself, but also in Japan, the scenic beauty of which has exerted a great influence on him, as evinced in his productions.

The scope of his subjects is, generally speaking, fairly wide, as is often the case with the Chinese artists, ranging as it does from landscapes to flowers and birds. But, whatever he lays his hand on, it is always full of what the Chinese critic calls "ch'yun" or the resonance of life. Sometimes, perhaps, the critic may like to be excused for misgivings when his artist tries his brush on such animal life as the tiger, but even here it might easily have been just a case of individual taste.

It will be noticed that there is a very large number of fish in the collection. How much this has been due to the personal taste of the artist, it is difficult to determine. But it might be pointed out that in the early years of the century the Empress Dowager Chi Hsi was very fond of the painting of fish.

At a preview of the collection, the writer was privileged to have a close inspection of some of the artist's excellent works. He was particularly attracted by some of the albums.

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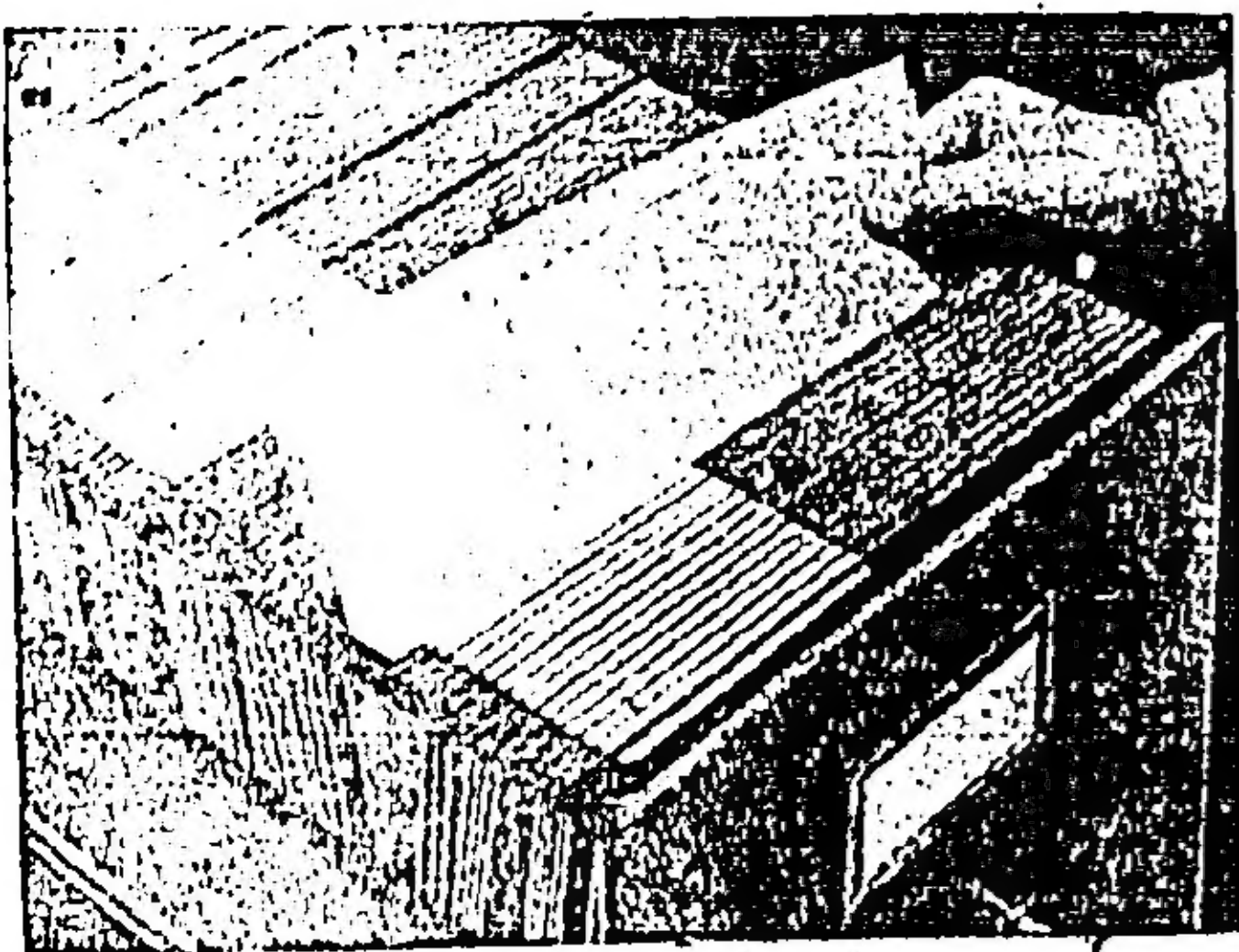


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U.S. ACTIONS DEFEAT AIMS Record Of Ignoring Machinery Of UNO

Cynicism Prevalent In Some Quarters

(By Robert Manning)

Lake Success, Aug. 24.

The United States is preparing to launch a campaign to add new strength and authority to the United Nations General Assembly but the task is handicapped by the American record of ignoring United Nations machinery.

The campaign is aimed at pushing the Security Council to the sidelines for the present and using the 55-nation General Assembly to get action in cases where the Western powers have been blocked by Russia's veto power in the Council.

The United States plan to increase the part played by the Assembly in settling disputes is hampered, however, by the resentment and cynicism still smouldering in some quarters of the United Nations and its diplomatic corps by the manner in which the United States side-tracked the United Nations with such major projects as the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan.

Some quarters pointed also to at least half a dozen other cases where the United States appeared to show wavering faith in the United Nations or a desire to minimize its efforts.

All these efforts appeared to be haunting United States officials as they tried to build

up strong faith in the General Assembly and thus assure that its power — even though it can only "recommend" — will be enough to provide the Western countries with the decisions they have been unable to get from the Security Council in such matters as the Balkans turmoil, the United Nations world police force, atomic energy control and admission of new United Nations members.

In all of these, Russia's veto — or threat of veto — caused deadlocks.

The United States problem, it was pointed out, was that of convincing the other nations that its own faith in the United Nations was continuing.

In the meantime, it was learned that the United States tomorrow would appeal to the Security Council to supervise the cease fire order in the East Indies. It was understood Mr. Herschel Johnson (US) would ask that the proposed supervision be separated from political questions of mediation and arbitration between the Dutch Government and the Republicans.

UNO Supervision

A United States source revealed that Washington was concerned over the possibility of new outbreaks of violence and believed UNO supervision of cease fire orders would aid in suppressing fighting.

The source said Mr. Johnson would vote for the Chinese-Australian resolution, which would instruct consuls in Batavia representing the U.S., France, United Kingdom, China, Australia and Switzerland to report to the Council their observations on the extent to which the August 1 cease fire order had been carried out or violated.

It is understood the United States delegation conferred yesterday and today with other delegates with regard to its own proposal. A U.S. spokesman said, however, that it would necessarily be conditional on acceptance by the Dutch Government.

It is also learned that Belgium — which has been supporting the Netherlands — offered a resolution which would allow the International Court to decide whether the Security Council had jurisdictional right to mediate. Such a question has been raised by the Netherlands Government. — United Press.

Nude Man Terrifies Nantes

Nantes, Aug. 24.

All young girls are staying indoors after sundown and sleeping with windows shuttered, while heavily-armed police squads attempt to trap a nude man who has terrorized one particular quarter of this city for two weeks.

They call him the "Satyr of Nantes."

The police said that on Tuesday he appeared in a girl's religious institute and leaped laughing from bed to bed in the dormitory, finally trying to strangle the Mother Superior.

Apparently frightened by the uproar, he disappeared out of an open window.

On Thursday he appeared again, still completely naked, on the street and attacked a young woman, who screamed so loudly he gave up and ran off into the night. — United Press.

U.S. 'Diplomatic War' Against Russia

Washington, Aug. 24.

The United States has started a diplomatic offensive against Soviet Russia which is described by authoritative sources as being designed to "keep the initiative in American hands" on three major fronts—Japan, Korea and China.

The latest piece in this pattern was a United States renewed protest this past week against the Russians keeping the Manchurian port of Dairen closed to international shipping. The latest note was similar to the one dispatched last January 3rd, with the exception that it bluntly added that the United States is holding Russia responsible for American property and nationals in that port city as Russia had refused to honour its commitment in the Sino-Soviet treaty of August 14, 1945, to turn the port over to the Chinese.

On two other fronts, the United States has already taken a diplomatic offensive by demanding a showdown in the deadlocked Soviet-American Commission in Korea and flatly rejecting the Russian suggestion that the Japanese peace treaty should be drafted by the Big Four Foreign Ministers alone.

With the return of Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer from China and other parts of the Far East about the middle of September, the United States general policy towards the Chiang Kai-shek government is expected to be clarified. Gen. Wedemeyer has been engaged in collecting voluminous data concerning the Chinese situation but so far has made no recommendations back to Washington. Authoritative sources said the recommendations will come only upon his return.

While Gen. Wedemeyer's recommendation and President Truman's decision on them cannot be known for some time, authoritative sources pointed out it is hardly likely that any revision of United States policy toward China will be of a kind to please the Chinese Communists. The Chinese Communists apparently still enjoy more popular and press sympathy in the United States than do similar groups in European countries.

Relations Deteriorate

Despite this, however, the consensus is generally that worsted Soviet-American relations are now bound to react to the detriment of the Chinese Communists. During the last session of Congress the Truman Administration was already being criticized for "inconsistency" in adding European nations to resist Communism and yet maintaining alleged "neutrality" on the same score in China.

The consensus is that Chiang, for better or worse, is fated to become the beneficiary of a widening split between Washington and Moscow.

The success of the United States diplomatic offensive against the Russians in the Far East depends on just how much support it will receive in Congress. Congressional approval will be necessary for the Administration plans to bolster Southern Korea against the Communists with large economic aid.

GI'S FACED RED TOMMYGUNS

Seoul, Aug. 25.

Three American enlisted men, released unharmed by the Russians after 12 days of detention in the Soviet zone of Korea, said today that guards with tommyguns accompanied them constantly but that they were not subject to close questioning.

The three told their stories to the American intelligence officer and then met newsmen.

They said they walked into the Soviet zone inadvertently through failure to see a marker at the 38th Parallel, dividing line between the American and Soviet occupation areas. — Associated Press.

An Unusual Village

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There is practically no traffic on the streets to endanger the children, and as the village has very little contact with the outside world, the risk of infectious diseases is slight.

Community Life

The grown-ups living here are mostly young, their average age is 32. They lead a very active community life, and run clubs for every usual sport or hobby, including skating, skiing, dramatics, tennis, handicrafts and sailing. Members of the sailing club build boats in the winter, and when the river thaws they hold a raffle, with the lucky prize-winners getting a sailing dinghy free.

The whole village is owned by the Government and the residents are all tenants, paying from £16 to £4 rent a month, according to their accommodation. They have no rates to pay. A town manager represents the Government in its role as landlord, running the village and attending to any necessary repairs or alterations.

Chalk River is not an atom bomb factory, and the staff hope it never will be. But I was told that, like any similar research plant, it could be converted to make atom bombs if necessary. Its work now is to develop atomic energy, which will be available within 5-10 years, Dr. Keyes believes. Research is also being carried in "labelling" individual atoms so that their movements can be watched. This will bring incalculable benefits in medicine and agriculture.

Secrets Guarded

The secrets of Chalk River are carefully guarded, and all technicians and labourers are thoroughly investigated by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police before being allowed to work in the plant. A "Mounty" and 70 private guards keep watch at the entrance and also patrol the plant and the village.

But the inhabitants of Deep River, living 7 miles from the secret plant, enjoy complete freedom of movement and can be visited by their friends. This is the advantage of not living in the security zone right beside the research plant, such as at a similar atomic project in U.S.A. where the whole area is restricted.

The mothers of Deep River have found that living in an economically perfect society, where all the workers are well paid and never out of a job, has one disadvantage. There is no domestic help available in this atomic utopia, and although the nearest villages can provide a few daily helps, the long journey and the winter's snow make their visits irregular.



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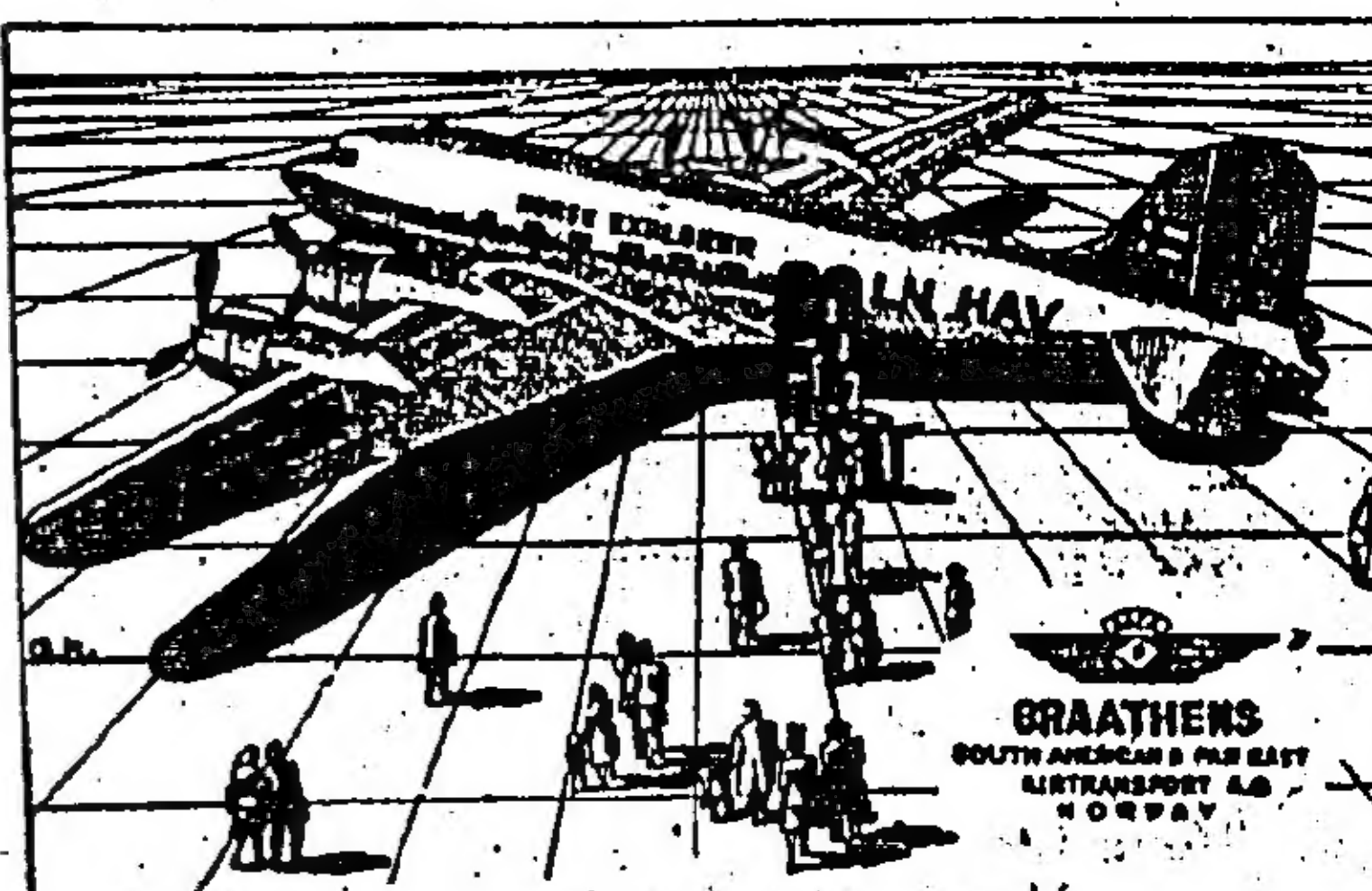
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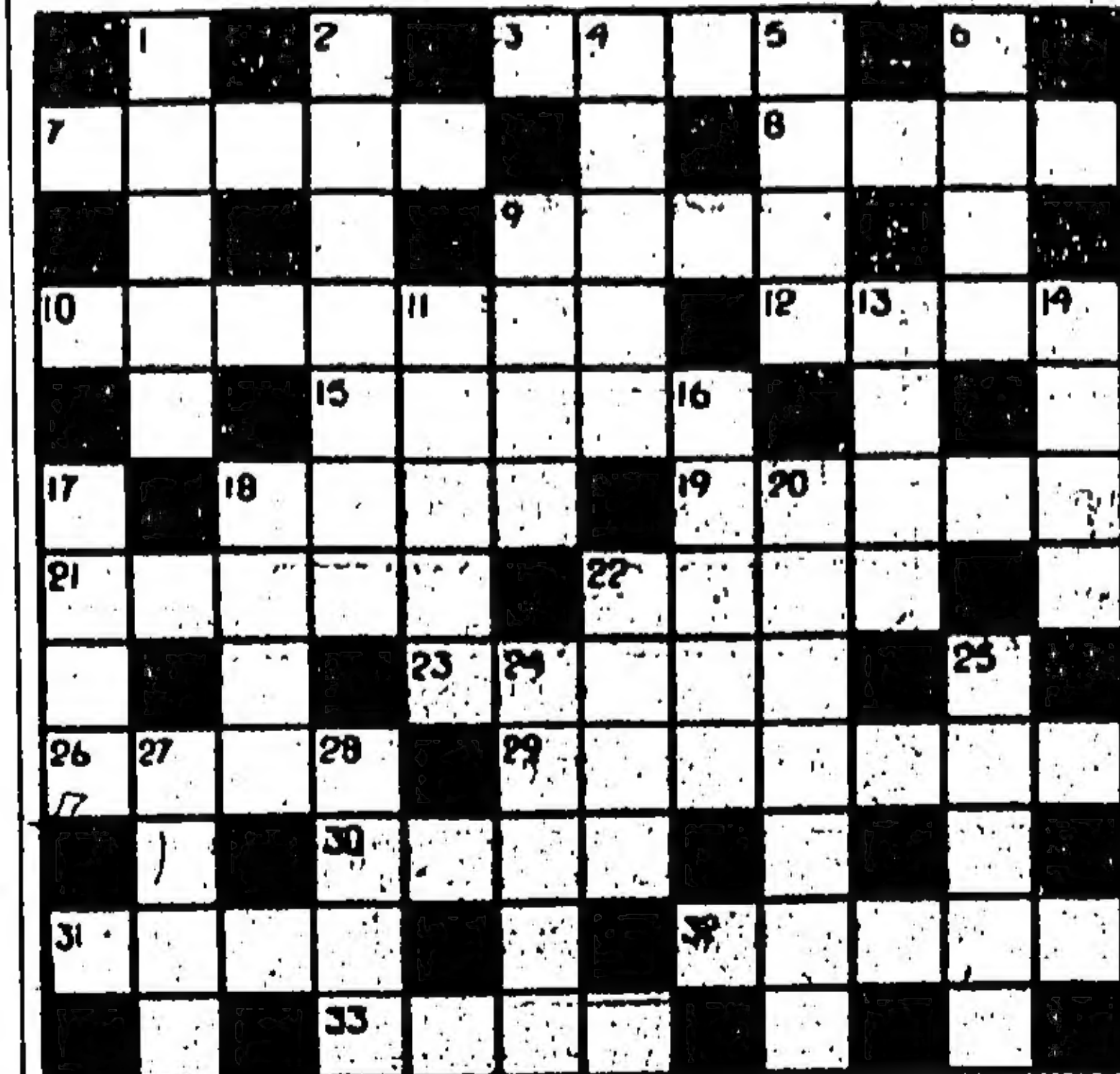
Money Market

Heavy buying again caused a big spurt in gold yesterday. At the close of the market buyers were still clamouring for purchases at \$376 a tael. It had opened at \$366.50 a tael and was down to \$364 for a time. In the afternoon the big jump commenced and everybody rushed for purchases. Plastics also had a brisk day, with rates on the ascent. Opening at \$14.65 a 100, it was one steady climb up to \$15.20 when it began easing off a bit to close at \$14.92 1/2. Chinese National Currency was firm. Futures opened at 14 1/2 cents and closed at 14 cts. (for CN\$1,000). Spot was unchanged throughout the day at 14 1/2 cents. U.S. dollars took a big spurt to \$5.17. Sterling was firm at \$13.75; Australian pounds were again unchanged at \$12.53.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, Aug. 25. The "Clovis Victory" arrived on Saturday from China and the "Brainerd Victory" and the "Lightning" have arrived from Japan. The "Elisha P. Ferry" sailed on Saturday for Okinawa and the "British Victory" for Manila—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



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7. Embryo officer.
8. Part of the eye.
9. Infence.
10. Migrate.
15. Loan.
16. Gainsay.
10. Harmony.
21. Blue.
22. Platter.
23. Anger.
24. Transparent.
25. Sticks to.
26. Tumb.
31. German woman.
32. Severely.
33. Fashion.
Clues Down
1. Destruction.
2. Colonist.
3. Shape.
4. Inclination.
5. Conical.
6. Small horse.
7. Renews.
8. Mad.
9. Intimidation.
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11. The fool.
12. Worker.
13. In metal.
14. Crazy.
15. Uninterest.
16. Introduced.
17. Shrieking.
18. Danger.
19. Crooked.
20. Friend.
21. Litter.
22. Fling.
23. Animal.
24. Compose.
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26. Harry.
27. Robes.
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29. Usage.
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San Francisco, Aug. 25. American efforts to revive Japanese foreign trade are heading for economic shoals and may run into political storms. Necessary to reduce occupation expenses and vital to Japan's future, the revival of Japan's foreign trade nevertheless is repugnant to some of Japan's neighbors.

Foreign buyers arriving in Tokyo find that what Japan has to sell is high in price. For example, before the war, J. Marcus of New York said he used to buy felt hat bodies in Japan for US\$2 a dozen. Now they are 2,000 yen a dozen. At the present rate of exchange that would be US\$40 a dozen. If, as is hoped, a special rate for foreign trade is set, he might get them for US\$10 a dozen.

Politically, thunder clouds loom over the horizon, because so many people in the Orient are anti-Japanese. In Manila, public outcry against the resumption of Japanese trade became so strong that the Roxas Government has been trying to cancel an order for more than 8,000,000 yards of Japanese cotton cloth, even though the Philippines badly need such material.

A Filipino dealer in a public market said that because of what the Japanese did to his family "any mention of relations with the Japs are odious to me. And I would not sell Japanese goods even at a nice profit."

After much argument, the Chinese State Council has approved limited private trading with Japan, provided China buys only what she needs and sells only what she can spare. This was in spite of opposition that came not only from Chinese businessmen and the non-government press, but also for a time from the Control Yuan of the government itself.

The fear was that with a "hunger export policy" Japan would dump finished goods on the Chinese market, where the war wrecked Chinese producers could not compete, and also draw in payment of raw materials which China needs herself.

Another Fear
Another, but unspeakable, fear among Chinese traders may have been that the Chinese Government corporations would monopolize any such trade.

Chinese criticism of reviving Japanese trade is but one facet of a widening Chinese criticism of American policy. This runs on the line that America is helping Japan at the expense of her wartime victims, and in one way or another supports the Nanking regime in the Chinese civil war.

"Echoes"
This week echoes of this complaint ran like this:—
In Hongkong, dissident Chinese Marshal Li Chai-sum charged that the Wedemeyer Mission to China had "made" the Nanking Government agree to resume trade with Japan in North China.

Both government and non-government newspapers printed editorials which expressed the fear that Japan, with American help, "will elbow China out of a chance for economic recovery." They envisioned "Japanese merchants on their clogs and with

U.S. Troops To Leave Tientsin

Tientsin, Aug. 25. Lieutenant Colonel F.L. Wieseman, commanding the United States Marine forces in Tientsin, announced today that all troops under his command would be withdrawn by the end of this month.

Marking the end of 23 months service in North China, the departure includes the last Marine Corps units who were deployed along the Peking-Chinwangtao railway.

Approximately 38,000 U.S. Marines of the Third Amphibious Corps and the First Marine Division, engaged initially in assisting the repatriation of Japanese military and civilian personnel, swells other routine tasks.—Reuter.

Notice to Consignees

Consignees per S.S. "BENRINNES" are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 26th Aug., 1947.

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Damaged cargo ex the above vessel will be surveyed at Heli's Wharf between the hours 10 a.m. to 12 noon on 26th August 1947, and consignee representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

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GIANTS SET NEW HIGH IN BASEBALL

New York, Aug. 25. In the National League, the Giants blasted five homers in splitting a doubleheader with Chicago to set a National League record of 173 homers for the season. The old mark was set by Chicago in 1930. Walter Cooper and Sid Gordon homered in the first to help Larry Jansen win his 15th game. The Giants took the opener 4-0.

In the nightcap, Johnny Mize hit his 40th homer and Ernie Lombardi and Buddy Kerr also homered. Chicago won 8-3. Philadelphia and Cincinnati split a doubleheader. Cincinnati combined eight hits, two errors and 12 walks in the 10th of the opener to score nine runs, defeat Philadelphia 12-3.

The second game was halted at the end of the seventh inning by the curfew law. Freeman Hugh Casey, coming to the rescue of Ralph Branca in the eighth inning, extinguished a Pittsburgh rally and enabled the League-leading Dodgers to defeat the Pirates 3-1.

After getting off to a jittery start, the Cardinals belted four Boston Braves pitchers for 15 hits, including first-sacker Stan Musial's 16th homer for a 9-5 victory over Boston.

In the American League, in the first game, third baseman Clete Michaels' sixth inning single off Buck Newsum scored first sacker Rudy York with the winning run as the White Sox defeated the Yankees 3-2.

In the second game, the Yankees took the game under a barrage of hits including Joe DiMaggio's 15th and Aaron Robinson's fifth homers of the season.

National League

Chicago (1st game)	0	0	1
New York	4	0	1
Winning pitcher Larry Jansen			
Chicago (2nd game)	8	10	0
New York	3	0	2
Winning pitcher Wye			
Philadelphia (1st game)	3	11	4
Cincinnati	12	14	1
Winning pitcher Gumbert			
Philadelphia (2nd game)	8	10	1
Cincinnati	6	10	1
Winning pitcher Rowe			
Pittsburgh	1	6	1
Brooklyn	3	8	0
Winning pitcher Ralph Branca			
St. Louis	9	14	4
Boston	5	7	1
Winning pitcher Dickson			

American League

New York (1st game)	2	10	1
Chicago	3	9	0
Winning pitcher Haynes			
New York (2nd game)	16	16	0
Chicago	6	10	2
Winning pitcher Shea			
Philadelphia (1st game)	2	7	1
Detroit	6	10	1
Winning pitcher Virgil Trucks			
Philadelphia (2nd game)	4	7	0
Detroit	5	10	2
Winning pitcher Hal Newhouse			
Boston (1st game)	11	14	0
Cleveland	2	5	1
Winning pitcher Dave Ferris			
Boston (2nd game)	1	5	0
Cleveland	2	7	0
Winning pitcher Al Gettel			
Washington (1st game)	1	10	1
St. Louis	7	10	2
Winning pitcher Fanning			
Washington (2nd game)	7	7	0
St. Louis	4	11	0
Winning pitcher Gary			

League Leaders

Major League leaders, including Aug. 25 games:	
National League	
Batting: Walker, Philadelphia, .354	Galan, Cincinnati, .318
Runs: Mize, New York, 107	Robinson, Brooklyn, 103
Runs batted in: Mize, New York, 100	Elliott, Boston, 93
Hits: Baumholtz, Cincinnati, and Walker, Philadelphia, 150	
Home runs: Mize, New York, 38	Kliner, Pittsburgh, 35
Stolen bases: Robinson, Brooklyn, 21	Hopp, Boston, 13
Strike outs: Blackwell, Cincinnati, 104	Branco, Brooklyn, 110
Pitching: Jensen, New York, 14 and 4	Blackwell, Cincinnati, 10 and 0
American League	
Batting: Williams, Boston, .330	McCook, Philadelphia, .330
Runs: Williams, Boston, 94	Hendrix, New York, 84
Runs batted in: Dyers, Boston, 80	Williams, Boston, 70

Fire Guts Huts In Barracks

Two Army huts, containing of rubber tyres and other military stores, were completely gutted by a fire which broke out at Shamsui-poo Barracks at 9.55 a.m. yesterday.

Four appliances, under Divisional Officer H.L.J. Brooks, rushed to the scene of the fire. The fire had by then such a fierce hold that it was practically an hour before it could be brought under control.

Not until 3 p.m. that the "All clear" was given. It was learned that the huts were used as storerooms by the Ordnance Depot. Two persons, Alfred Gutierrez and Angel Luk, received burns to both hands and feet.

U.S. DERBY

Chicago, Aug. 24. Fervent, son of the 1930 British Derby winner, Blenheim, won the American Derby, run over a mile and a quarter here today. The stakes were worth \$94,250.

In a thrilling finish, he beat Cosmic Bomb by a neck with Fervent's third of four runners, and 3/5th seconds knocked 2 1/2 of a second off the course record established by Armed last year.—Reuter.

Chicago, Aug. 25.

The match race between Assault and Armed scheduled for next Saturday, was called off when Assault pulled up lame after a workout on Sunday. Assault is second and Armed third behind Stylist as the world's all-time money winners in horse racing.—Associated Press.

South China Win Again

South China touring team scored their second success in Bangkok when they beat Assumption College by four clear goals on Thursday.

Goalscorers were Lee Shek-yat, Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, and Tse Kam-ho.

SWEDISH GOLF

Tylosand, Western Sweden, Aug. 24. A 17-year-old British player, A. H. Perowne, the youngest player in the event, won the Swedish Open Amateur Golf Championship here today. In the 36 holes final, he beat H. G. Bentley, 39 year old former British Walker Cup player, by two and one.—Reuter.

Middlesex Goes Into The Lead

London, Aug. 25. While Bill Edrich and Denis Compton, England's crack batsmen, struggle for top honours in the list of batting averages, their County—Middlesex—has replaced Gloucester at the top of the cricket County Championship table. They now have a lead of eight points over Gloucestershire, whom they supplanted as the result of last week's matches. Kent has retained third place, but Derbyshire has lost fourth place position in the table to Lancashire.

Bill Edrich, of Middlesex, continues to head the batting averages with an aggregate of 2,937 runs, but his County colleague, Denis Compton, has narrowed the margin and is making a strong bid for top honours.

Tom Goddard, the Gloucestershire bowler who temporarily lost his lead in the bowling averages to R. Howarth, the Worcestershire left-arm slow-spin bowler, is again at the head of the table, with Howarth in second place.

Here are the statistics, including matches which ended last Friday:

County Championship table:	
Middlesex	23 17 4 2 0 1 212
Gloucestershire	23 10 3 4 0 1 204
Kent	25 12 8 5 0 2 168
Lancashire	23 11 1 10 1 0 156
Derbyshire	25 10 9 5 1 3 148
Worcestershire	25 7 10 8 0 4 136
Glamorgan	25 8 9 6 1 2 116
Surrey	24 8 6 8 1 0 116
Yorkshire	23 7 7 8 1 1 101
Somerset	24 8 11 5 0 1 100
Essex	24 6 8 9 1 1 84
Nottinghamshire	24 6 8 9 1 1 84
Warwickshire	24 6 8 9 1 1 84
Leicestershire	24 6 8 9 1 1 84
Northamptonshire	24 6 8 9 1 1 84

Batting averages: Qualification 31 innings, average 40.

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest	Average
W.J. Edrich (Middlesex)	38	7	2,937	84.74	83.87
Dennis Compton (Middlesex)	39	6	2,768	83.87	83.87
W. Pince (Lancashire)	35	5	2,075	69.16	69.16
Leslie Ames (Kent)	38	7	2,143	69.12	69.12
C. Washbrook (Lancashire)	30	7	1,949	67.20	67.20
Bruce Mitchell (S. Africa)	33	4	1,725	59.48	59.48
J. Robertson (Middlesex)	45	3	2,423	66.93	66.93
J. Hendstaff (Notts.)	30	3	1,870	62.33	62.33
Len Hutton (Yorkshire)	34	3	1,662	56.61	56.61
Tom Pearce (Essex)	32	7	1,987	48.20	48.20
G. Edrich (Lancashire)	32	4	1,201	40.10	40.10
Dudley Nourse (S. Africa)	31	1	1,330	44.33	44.33

Bowling: Qualification 78 wickets.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average
T. Goddard (Gloucester)	1,298.5	294	3,277	205	15.98
R. Howarth (Worcester)	1,051.2	337	2,200	180	13.30
J. Young (Middlesex)	1,030.2	336	2,310	129	17.13
D. Pollard (Lancashire)	904.1	292	2,248	128	17.51
Len Munce (Glamorgan)	774.2	109	1,920	108	18.50
George Pope (Derbyshire)	786.1	189	2,090	104	18.23
Cliff Gwinn (Derbyshire)	884.5	243	2,042	100	19.44
D. Wright (Kent)	940.1	115	2,590	147	19.70
Ken Cranston (Lancashire)	901.1	144	2,444	128	19.70
Cecil Cook (Gloucester)	1,000.8	318	2,540	128	19.82
E. B. Munn (Yorkshire)	933.0	288	2,012	95	20.95
Harold Butler (Notts.)	818.2	219	1,901	97	20.95

—Reuter.

China Said To Consider Money Import Reforms

Shanghai, Aug. 25. The Finance Ministry is reported in Chinese reports from Nanking to be serious considering revision of the regulations which at present restrict incoming travellers from carrying more than US\$100 or its equivalent.

The reports said that, for the benefit of Chinese residents abroad returning to China, the restrictions may be relaxed to permit large amounts to be brought into China.—United Press.

BRITISH MOVE TO CUT FOOD IMPORTS

London, Aug. 25. Cabinet held an emergency meeting today to discuss a possible 50 to 75 per cent reduction in food imports from the United States and consequent cuts in Britain's already meagre rations.

Prime Minister Attlee interrupted his vacation a second time in eight days to fly to London to preside over the meeting.

Japan's Mail

Tokyo, Aug. 25. General MacArthur's Headquarters today announced the expansion of international mail and telecommunications service between Japan and the rest of the world beginning on August 28.

Provisions permit transactional messages by air mail service, samples and other categories of mail which will aid in the country's foreign trade.

Among the categories which may be mailed, beginning on August 28, are letters and postal cards consisting of transactional correspondence, as well as business, financial and commercial correspondence and personal family messages.

Although transactional mail is now authorized, the following types of transactional correspondence are strictly prohibited:

All messages which transfer currency, checks, drafts, payment orders or other credit or financial instruments; messages relating to conversion, transfer or disbursement of any Japanese external assets by powers of attorney, proxies, instructions or other means.—United Press.

NEW BASE ON HAINAN

Personnel of a newly created Fourth Base of the Chinese Navy flew to Hainan Island yesterday to prepare for the official opening of the base at Hailow, on the southern coast of Hainan, said reports from Canton last night.

The new base will come directly under the Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Navy.

19 COUNTRIES IN OLYMPIC GAMES

St. Moritz, Aug. 25. Nineteen countries have indicated they will participate in the 1948 Winter Olympics here next January 30—February 8.

They are England, Denmark, Sweden, Italy, Poland, Canada, Austria, Finland, Iceland, Holland, Chile, Belgium, France, Liechtenstein, Turkey, Switzerland, Hungary, Norway and the United States.

Deadline entries is September 15. By December 15 each country must register the events in which it intends to participate, and by December 31 the individual competitors must be listed.

The American Olympic Committee has reported it will send 15 men for the bobsleigh races, five men and four women for the figure skating, 15 men for ice hockey, 22 men and 8 women for ski events, and 9 men for speed skating.

Pentathlon

In addition to the regulation Olympic competitions in ski, ice hockey, skating and sleighing, several exhibition competitions have been announced. There is to be a pentathlon, including an 18-kilometre ski race,

New Soviet Angle On Britain

Moscow, Aug. 25. The British authorities were "warping the souls of Soviet children by forcing them to say Catholic prayers," stated Pravda today in a report from its Berlin correspondent on conditions in a British Red Cross children's home at Klingenberg, Germany.

The report said that Russian children in the camp were summoned to meals with a police whistle, forced to forget their native language and everything connected with the Soviet Union, and told that they had no parents.

Alleging that the children were made to say Catholic prayers, the correspondent asked: "Who has given the British authorities the right to warp the souls of our Soviet children?"

The article, which occupied nearly half a page, demanded the return of all Soviet children to their homeland.—Reuter.

Polish Army Up Again

Moscow, Aug. 24. Forty thousand men of the former Polish Army of General Wladyslaw Anders have been fully re-equipped and stationed near Hamburg in the United States Zone of Germany, "Red Star," the Soviet Army newspaper, said today.

The newspaper cited this as an example of the way in which "the British and American authorities contribute to the spreading of war psychosis among the Germans."—Reuter.

China Silent On Wedemeyer

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Many businessmen were hoping that the Government's new exchange regulations would have a stabilizing effect and believed that prices might hold fairly steady in the next several weeks. Business circles are feeling the way now to see how the regulations work out and see how America reacts to Gen. Wedemeyer's statement.

But if there is no reaction from Washington within a month many observers feared another sharp increase in commodity prices, despite local prospects for larger crops. The Government is obviously hoping to stabilize things until the United States Congress convenes in the next few months, when it will probably decide the course toward China.

"Futile"

The independent "Hsin Min Pao," stating that the comparative stability during the last month was caused by alternate hopes and fears, says that any currency reform prior to stabilization of prices would be completely futile. It suggests six possible measures to alleviate the situation but stresses that only budgetary equilibrium would end the crisis.

The newspaper asked for: 1. Strict enforcement of the new exchange regulations; 2. Suspension of low interest industrial and commercial loans; 3. Increase of taxes and levies; 4. Forceful borrowing of Chinese assets from abroad to end tax evasion; 5. Public purchase of goldbars and foreign exchange through a new currency, which cannot be done until the currency credit standing is maintained; and 6. Issuance of long term debentures—which would not be successful because of the low credit standing of the old bonds.

Home

The Wedemeyer mission is now on its way home via Tokyo and Korea.—Associated Press. United Press, Reuter, and Central News.

HEAVY BATTLE FLARES UP IN JAVA

Batavia, Aug. 24. The Indonesian Republic reported that practically a full-scale war was again raging in Java tonight, with the strategic road town of Ampel, northeast of the Republic capital at Jogjakarta, under heavy attack by Dutch infantry and artillery.

The Indonesians reported that this was one of three large-scale attacks. They said Dutch artillery infantry attacked Pagerbojoeng, in the north coastal sector southeast of Semarang, but had been driven off after heavy fighting.

In the eastern sector, Dutch troops with four tanks and air support have taken Boegis, airfield, northeast of Malang.

The Indonesian communiqué did not extend beyond yesterday's actions or disclose what the outcome of the battle at Ampel was, but said the Dutch captured the villages of Koenjen and Bandjarsari in the Ampel area and indicated they had taken the town of Tengaren, two miles to the west.

The only action the Dutch reported in the Surabaya sector was a machine-gun and mortar assault on a Dutch patrol about four miles to the southwest. The Dutch said the Indonesians were driven off.

Pagerbojoeng is, five miles south of Weluri, 22 miles west of Semarang and on the main highway that leads into Magelang, 36 miles southeast of Weluri. Magelang is the main Republican stronghold before Jogjakarta.

The Republicans said the Dutch attacked Pagerbojoeng from the north and south, then fanned out about a mile to the south toward Kalandang. They said there one Dutch force was repulsed.

They said the Dutch opened a second attack from the south, using 75 troops and a number of vehicles, but were forced to retreat after a sharp fight at short range.

The Indonesians said fire against Boegis airfield began from Tengkuol about four miles to the north.

The Dutch reported Republican activity in West and Central Java and said Dutch mopping-up operations continued in the east. The only Dutch casualty reported yesterday was one man wounded.—United Press.

Chinese Claim To Blockade Chefoo

Nanking, Aug. 25. Chinese reports from Tsingtao claimed today that units of the Chinese First Naval Squadron have effected a naval blockade of the Communist port of Chefoo in Northern Shantung.

The reports said that warships were ordered to sink any vessels trying to enter Chefoo port unless they got prior permission from the authorities.

The blockade followed reports that the Communists were shipping large quantities of wheat and other supplies in exchange for Soviet military supplies and rumours that Soviet vessels were unloading ammunition there in support of the Chinese Communists for building up North Shantung defence in face of the Nationalist attack now believed to be developing in the Kiaochow Peninsula.

Meanwhile, the Communists under Liu Po-cheng, who broke through the Government cordon in West Shantung, were reportedly battling their way into the mountain areas in Honan Province.

Reports said that the Communists, moving rapidly westward, bypassed Kaifeng on the Lunghai Railway, while Communists from Shensi also penetrated into Honan Province, apparently in an attempt to divert the Nationalists from moving eastward to block Liu Po-cheng's troops.

Martial law was proclaimed in Loyang, important headquarters town in Honan, which is menaced by the Communists advancing eastward from Shensi Province.—United Press.

WOMAN HURT
A Chinese female aged about 40, was knocked down by motor car No. 2018 at the intersection of Kennedy and O'Brien Roads at 8.45 p.m. last night.

She was removed to Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition.

One-Act Plays In Rehearsal

In preparation for the revival of the Dramatic Group this winter the European "X" has in the past month been working steadily on productions of One-Act Plays for the entertainment of members and their guests in the Association's monthly Guest Evening.

On Thursday, the curtain at the West Lounge will rise on three One-Act Plays which members have been working against time to have ready on schedule.

Prutty, sophisticated, Alice Dedar, one of the twinkling stars of the H.K. Stage Club will be seen in the leading role in Florence Kiper Frank's comedy "The Home for the Friendly."

Tall blonde newcomer, Vic Baukham, has the male lead opposite Miss Dedar and this should be interesting indeed! Mollie Terry, whose versatility has merited her a part in every "X" production hitherto, has once again a difficult role, to which, no doubt, her charm and talent will combine to do justice. The remainder of the cast who will all face the footlights for the first time, include Charles Smith, Nelson Seater, Jules Becker and Andrine Dwar, Mrs. E. Bolton, one of the busy hands of the Women's Section, is quiet about her productions of, as far as we know, "Five Girls and a Ghost" and an all-female cast in "Joint Owners in Spain."

However, in her expert hands, the least to be expected is a pleasant surprise.

"LONDON" HERE SOON

London, Aug. 25. H.M.S. "London," which is shortly leaving for Hong Kong to become the flagship of the British Pacific Fleet, accorded Dr. Cheng Tien-hai, Chinese Ambassador, a warm welcome when he visited the vessel recently.

He did so as the guest of honour at a dinner given by Captain C.T. Addis and his officers. The warship is at present lying at Chatham.

SHOT BY POLICE

A verdict of justifiable homicide was returned by the jury at the inquest held by Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday into the death of Ah Yuk, who was shot in Gap Road near Kennedy Road at 8.40 p.m. on May 31 during an exchange of fire with the police.

Insp. McPherson stated that at 9.20 p.m. a Chinese couple was held up by three armed gangsters and robbed of two gold rings, two wrist watches, a gold chain and a sum of money.

A report was made to the police and within ten minutes of the robbery the Emergency Unit arrived at Gap Road. Three Chinese were seen and challenged. In the resultant exchange of shots, deceased was hit by several bullets. He died before the ambulance arrived.

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